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LIST
OF THE
CLERGY AND LAY DEPUTIES
WHO COMPOSED THE CONVENTION.

CLERGY.

The Right Rev. *William White*, D. D. Senior Bishop of the American Protestant Episcopal church, presiding in the House of Bishops, Bishop of the Diocese, and Rector of the United churches of Christ church and St. Peter's, and of St. James's, Philadelphia.

The Right Rev. *Henry U. Onderdonk*, D. D. Assistant Bishop of the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

The Rev. *James Abercrombie*, D. D. Senior Assistant Minister of Christ church and St. Peter's, Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Frederick Beasley*, D. D. residing in Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Bird Wilson*, D. D. Professor of Systematic Divinity in the General Theological Seminary.

The Rev. *James Montgomery*, D. D. Rector of St. Stephen's church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. *William H. De Lancey*, D. D. Provost of the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Jackson Kemper*, D. D. an Assistant Minister of the United churches of Christ church and St. Peter's, Philadelphia.

The Rev. *James Wiltbank*, Master of the Grammar School in the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Levi Bull*, Rector of St. Mary's church, Chester county, Bangor church, Churchtown, Lancaster county, and St. Thomas's church, Morgantown, Berks county.

The Rev. *Gregory T. Bedell*, Rector of St. Andrew's church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Jehu C. Clay*, Rector of St. James's church, Perkiomen, and St. John's church, Norristown, Montgomery county.

The Rev. *George Boyd*, Rector of St. John's church, N. L. Philadelphia.

The Rev. *George Sheets*, Rector of Trinity church, Oxford, and All Saints' church, Lower Dublin, Philadelphia county.

The Rev. *Samuel C. Brincklé*, Rector of St. David's (Radnor) church, Newtown, Delaware county, and St. Peter's church, Great Valley, Chester county.

The Rev. *John Rodney, jr.* Rector of St. Luke's church, Germantown, Philadelphia county, and St. Thomas's church, Whitemarsh, Montgomery county.

The Rev. *Richard U. Morgan*, Rector of St. Paul's church, Chester, and St. Martin's church, Marcus Hook, Delaware county, and St. Paul's church, West Whiteland township, Chester county.

The Rev. *John Reynolds*, Rector of St. Stephen's church, Harrisburgh, Dauphin county.

The Rev. *John H. Hopkins*, Rector of Trinity church, Pittsburgh, Allegheny county.

The Rev. *Samuel Bowman*, Rector of St. James's church, Lancaster.

The Rev. *Edward Rutledge*, Assistant Professor of Moral Philosophy in the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Samuel Marks*, missionary, officiating in the churches in Susquehanna and Bradford counties, in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

The Rev. *William Cooper Mead*, Rector of Trinity church, Southwark, Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Benjamin B. Smith*, Rector of Grace church, Penn township, Philadelphia.

The Rev. *John V. E. Thorn*, Rector of Christ church, Huntington, Adams county, and St. John the Baptist's church, York, York county.

The Rev. *John B. Clemson*, Rector of St. John's church, Pequea, Chester county, and Christ church, Leacock, Lancaster county.

The Rev. *William Bryant*, residing in Philadelphia, teaching a school, and officiating in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

The Rev. *William H. Rees*, Rector of St. James the Greater's church, Bristol, Bucks county.

The Rev. *James May*, Rector of St. Stephen's church, Wilkesbarre, Luzerne county.

The Rev. *George Kirk*, missionary, officiating in St. John's church, New London Cross Roads, Chester county, in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

The Rev. *George Mintzer*, missionary, Rector of St. Gabriel's church, Morlatten, Berks county, in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

The Rev. *Lucius Carter*, missionary, Rector of St. James's church, Muncey, Lycoming county, and Christ church, Madison, Columbia county, in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

The Rev. *Correy Chambers*, missionary, officiating at Pottsville, in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

The Rev. *Francis H. L. Laird*, Rector of Christ church, Greensburgh, Westmoreland county, and St. Peter's church, Blairsville, Indiana county.

Total 34.

LAY DEPUTIES.

Allegheny County. Pittsburgh, Trinity church, *Alexander Johnston, jr.*

Berks County. Reading, Christ church, *Lloyd Wharton.*

Morlattan, St. Gabriel's church, *Thomas Jones.*

Bucks County. Bristol, St. James the Greater's church, *Jacob Hibbs.*

Chester County. East Nantmeal township, St. Mary's church, *Isachar Pawling.*

Pequea, St. John's church, *Elias Baker.*

New London, St. John's church, *Charles M'Donald.*

Great Valley, St. Peter's church, *Cromwell Pearce.*

West Whiteland township, (Great Valley) St. Paul's church, *Lewis G. Pearce.*

Crawford County. Meadville, Christ church, *John B. Wallace.*

Cumberland County. Carlisle, St. John's church, *Edward J. Stiles.*

Delaware County. Chester, St. Paul's church, *John K. Zeiglin.*

Marcus Hook, St. Martin's church, *Thomas Robinson.*

Radnor, St. David's church, *John Hunter, Isaac Norton.*

Lancaster County. Lancaster, St. James's church, *Alexander Hays, Redmond Conyngham.*

Churchtown, Bangor church, *Coleman R. Jacobs.*

Luzerne County. Wilkesbarre, St. Stephen's church, *Hon. David Scott, Dr. Thomas W. Miner.*

Montgomery County. Whitemarsh, St. Thomas's church, *John Donnalldson.*

Perkiomen, St. James's church, *Jesse Bean.*

Norristown, St. John's church, *Thomas M. Jolley.*

Northampton County. Easton, Trinity church, *Benjamin L. Shultze.*

Philadelphia City and County. Christ church, *Philip H. Nicklin, George Tryon.*

St. Peter's church, *William Meredith, John Miller, jr. Joshua Percival.*

St. James's church, *Thomas Hale, John C. Lowber, Durden B. Carter.*

St. Paul's church, *Richard Renshaw, John Farr.*

St. Stephen's church, *William J. Bell, Dr. N. Chapman, Samuel Hazlehurst.*

St. Andrew's church, *Thomas Robins, David Ellmaker, Cornelius Stevenson.*

St. John's church, N. L., *John Ashburner, James Vinyard, John Robbins.*

Trinity church, Southwark, *Arthur Stotesberry, George P. Story, Jesper Harding.*

Mantua, St. Mark's church, *Richard Peters, Victor Value, Joseph R. Ingersoll.*

Penn township, Grace church, *P. E. Hamm, Dr. W. D. Brineklé.*

Lower Dublin, All Saints' church, *Samuel Cox.*

Oxford, Trinity church, *Lynford Lardner.*

Germantown, St. Luke's church, *Samuel Wagner.*

Total 54.

The following clergymen, entitled to seats in the Convention, were not present at this Convention.

The Rev. *Robert Blackwell*, D. D. residing in Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Joseph Hutchins*, D. D. residing in Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Francis Reno*, officiating in Beaver county.

The Rev. *John Taylor*, residing in the city of Pittsburg.

The Rev. *Henry H. Pfeiffer*, missionary, Rector of Christ church, Brownsville, Fayette county, in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

The Rev. *James De Pui*, Rector of St. Paul's church, Bloomsburgh, and Christ church, Madison, Columbia county.

The Rev. *John A. Hicks*, missionary, Rector of Trinity church, Easton, in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

The Rev. *William Hilton*, missionary, Rector of St. Peter's church, Butler, Butler county, in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

The Rev. *Bennet Glover*, deacon, missionary, officiating in St. Paul's church, Erie, and St. Peter's church, Waterford, Erie county, in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

Total 9.

The following Lay Deputies entitled by the certificates presented to seats in the Convention, did not answer to their names:

From St. Martin's church, Marcus Hook, Delaware county, *John S. Vanneman, John Taylor*: from St. Thomas's church, Whitemarsh, Montgomery county, *Thomas Shay, Samuel Nash*: from St. John's church, Norristown, Montgomery county, *Daniel St. Clair, John Freedley*: from Christ church, Philadelphia, *Horace Binney*: from St. Luke's, Germantown, Philadelphia county, *John W. Ashmead, Edward Baynton*: from Christ church, Reading, Berks county, *Benneville Keim*: from Trinity church, Easton, Northampton county, *Hopewell Hepburn, Charles Davis*: from St. James's church, Perkiomen, Montgomery county, *William Casselberry, William Evans*: from Grace church, Penn township, Philadelphia county, *F. W. Porter*: from St. Peter's, Great Valley, Chester county, *Robert Ralston*.

Total 16.

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*Philadelphia, St. Peter's Church,
Tuesday, May 18th, 1830, 6 o'clock, P. M.*

THIS being the day appointed for the meeting of the Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Diocese of Pennsylvania, the Right Rev. *William White*, D. D. Bishop of the Diocese, and the Right Rev. *Henry U. Onderdonk*, D. D. Assistant Bishop of the Diocese, with several Clergymen, and Lay Deputies, attended in St. Peter's Church, Philadelphia, at 6 o'clock, P. M.

The chair was taken by the Bishop, and the meeting proceeded to organize.

A list of the Clergy entitled to seats, was called over by the Secretary, and the following answered to their names, and took their seats:—

Rt. Rev. William White, D. D.	Rev. John Rodney, jr.
Rt. Rev. Henry U. Onderdonk, D. D.	Edward Rutledge
Rev. James Abercrombie, D. D.	R. U. Morgan
Bird Wilson, D. D.	B. B. Smith
James Montgomery, D. D.	John H. Hopkins
William H. De Lancey, D. D.	Samuel Bowman
Jackson Kemper, D. D.	Wm. Cooper Mead
Levi Bull	Wm. Bryant
G. T. Bedell	Francis H. L. Laird
Jehu C. Clay	Correy Chambers
George Boyd	Lucius Carter
George Sheets	George Kirk
Samuel C. Brincklé	George Mintzer
	William H. Rees

The following Lay Deputies presented certificates of their appointment, answered to their names, and took their seats:—

Thomas Jones	P. H. Nicklin
John B. Wallace	Wm. Meredith
Edward J. Stiles	John Miller, jr.
John K. Zeiglin	Thomas Hale
Thomas Robinson	Durden B. Carter
Redmond Conyngham	John C. Lowber
John Donaldson	Richard Renshaw
Thomas M. Jolly	Dr. N. Chapman

Samuel Hazlehurst
 William John Bell
 Thomas Robins
 David Ellmaker
 Cornelius Stevenson
 John Ashburner
 James Vinyard

John Robbins
 Arthur Stotesberry
 George P. Story
 Samuel Cox
 Joseph R. Ingersoll
 Richard Peters

On motion, the Convention went into an election of a Secretary, when the Rev. *William H. De Lancey*, D. D. was chosen.

On motion of the Secretary, the Rev. *Wm. Cooper Mead*, Rector of Trinity church, Southwark, Philadelphia, was appointed Assistant Secretary.

The following rules of order were adopted by this Convention, and read by the Secretary.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. The business of every day shall be introduced with a form of prayer prescribed by the Bishop.

2. When the president takes the chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall afterwards stand up, unless to address the chair.

3. No member shall absent himself from the service of the house, unless he have leave, or be unable to attend.

4. When any member is about to speak in debate, or deliver any matter to the house, he shall rise from his seat, and without advancing, shall, with due respect, address himself to the president, confining himself strictly to the point in debate.

5. No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate, without leave of the house.

6. A question being once determined, shall stand as the judgment of the house, and shall not be again drawn into debate, during the same session, unless with the consent of two-thirds of the house.

7. While the president is putting any question, no one shall hold private discourse, stand up, walk into, out of, or across the house, or read any book.

8. Every member who shall be in the house when any question is put, shall on a division, be counted, unless he be particularly interested in the decision.

9. No motion shall be considered as before the house, unless it be seconded, and reduced to writing when required.

10. When any question is before the house, it shall be determined on before any thing new is introduced, except the question for adjournment.

11. The question on a motion for adjournment shall be taken before any other, and without debate.

12. When the house is to rise, every member shall keep his seat until the president leave the chair.

13. The house shall hold two sessions every day: viz. from 9 o'clock, A. M. to 2 o'clock, P. M., and from 4 o'clock, P. M. to 7 o'clock, P. M.; provided that the house will not meet on Wednesday morning until 10 o'clock.

On motion, *ordered*, that when this Convention adjourn, it adjourn to meet to-morrow, to attend divine service in this church, at 10 o'clock, A. M. *Adjourned.*

*Philadelphia, St. Peter's Church,
Wednesday, May 19th, 1830, 10 o'clock, A. M.*

The Convention met and attended divine service.

Morning prayers were read by the Rev. *Richard U. Morgan*, Rector of St. Paul's church, Chester, St. Martin's church, Marcus Hook, Delaware county, and of St. Paul's church, West Whiteland township, Chester county; and a sermon was preached by the Rev. *Wm. H. De Lancey*, D. D. Provost of the University of Pennsylvania, and the holy communion was administered.

The service being concluded, the Convention was called to order.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved.

The following clergymen entitled to seats, and not present yesterday, appeared and took their seats: viz. Rev. Messrs. *Wiltbank, Reynolds, Clemson, May, Marks, and Beasley.*

The following Lay Deputies presented certificates of their appointment, answered to their names, and took their seats:—

Lynford Lardner	Alexander Johnston, jr.
Charles M'Donald	David Scott
Lloyd Wharton	Isaac Norton
Elias Baker	John Hunter
Benjamin L. Shultze	Dr. W. D. Brincklé
Jesse Bean	P. E. Hamm

The following Lay Deputies entitled to seats, not present yesterday, appeared and took their seats, viz: *John Farr, Samuel Wagner, Victor Value, Jesper Harding.*

The Right Rev. Bishop *White* delivered his Annual Address.

ADDRESS.

Brethren, the Clerical and the Lay Deputies of this Convention—

Soon after the rising of the Convention of the last year, that is on the 28th of May, I consecrated St. Paul's church, which had been recently erected in West Whiteland township, Chester county, about twenty miles from this city.

On the 6th day of June, I held a confirmation, and preached in St. Stephen's church in this city.

On the 21st day of June, in St. Paul's church in this city,

I ordained to the holy office of deacons, Christian Wiltberger, jr. of this state.

From the 23d to the 27th of June, I attended the examination of the Theological Seminary in New York: and, while entire satisfaction was given to myself, and apparently to all present, it was a great gratification to declare our sense of the munificence of the late Frederick Kohne, Esq. of this city, whose large legacy, when claimable on the condition attached to it in his will, cannot but add materially to the usefulness of the institution.

From the 12th to the 20th of August, there was held in this city, the General Convention of the church: when I presided in the House of Bishops. During the session, the Rev. Wm. Meade, D. D. of Virginia was consecrated, to be Assistant Bishop of the Church in that state. On the occasion, I performed the act of consecration, and preached the sermon.

Of the episcopal brethren assembled, the body have since been deprived of one of its members—the Right Rev. Bishop Ravenscroft; to my great grief, and that of the Church at large. The course of his episcopacy had been short, but very efficient, in a revival of our communion in the diocese of North Carolina.

On the 1st of October, I consecrated St. Andrew's church, in Wilmington, in the state of Delaware.

On the 25th of the same month, I held a confirmation, and preached in the African church of St. Thomas, in this city.

On the 9th and the 10th of December, I was in Chester town, in the state of Maryland, having been requested by the standing committee of that state, to preside at the trial of a clergyman, charged with scandalous and immoral conduct. My agency in that business, has been detailed in a communication to the said committee, to whom the concern especially belongs.

On the 20th of the same month, in St. Stephen's church, in this city, I ordained to the holy office of deacons, George E. Hare, of this state, and preached on the occasion.

On the 9th instant, in St. Stephen's church, I ordained to the holy office of deacons, Frederick Beasley, jr., and preached on that occasion.

The changes in our ministry are as follows. The Rev. Joseph Clarkson is deceased. The Rev. Stephen H. Tyng has been elected and settled as Rector of St. Paul's church in this city. The Rev. Francis L. Hawks has been elected and settled as assistant minister in St. James's church in this city. The Rev. George Weller has been transferred to the diocese of Tennessee, the Rev. Joseph Spencer, and the Rev. Samuel Sitgreaves to the diocese of Maryland; the Rev. Norman Nash to that of New Jersey; the Rev. David Page to that of Ken-

tucky, and the Rev. Henry I. Whitehouse, and the Rev. Charles Smith to that of New York. The Rev. Robert Piggot, as appears in a letter addressed to me by him, has taken the charge of the congregation in Smyrna, in the state of Delaware. The Rev. Francis H. L. Laird has taken the pastoral charge of the congregations in Blairsville and Greensburg; the Rev. John W. James of that in Meadville. The Rev. George E. Hare, lately ordained by me a deacon in this diocese, has been elected the Rector of St. John's church in Carlisle. The Rev. William Chaderton, formerly resident in this diocese, has returned to it, after having been for some time resident in New Jersey. The Rev. Joseph Jaquett has been chosen Rector of St. Matthew's church, Francisville, near to this city.

The candidates for holy orders in this diocese, are in number nine.

The number of my confirmations is 118, and they were within the bounds of the city. The occasions for confirmation in the churches under my parochial care, are not specified. Bishop Onderdonk will report the confirmations performed by him, in other parts of the diocese, as also the ordinations which have been performed by him.

The Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania, is still at work in their wide field of labour; but not with the extent of the aid which their prominent importance entitles them to expect. On every annual meeting of the Convention, I ought not to omit to present to them this institution, as worthy of the zeal, and of the endeavours of every conscientious and consistent member of our communion.

The Female Tract Society have not relaxed in their endeavours; and, what ought especially to secure to them the patronage of the church, is the tendency of their tracts to guard against the erroneous views of other tracts, industriously propagated among the members of our church, by persons extraneous to its pale.

The General Episcopal Sunday School Union, continues to extend its sphere of operation; and to support its design of sustaining the truths of revelation, as held by our Church; without pledging itself to be silent on any of those truths, in accommodation to the professed liberality of teaching only the doctrines on which, as is alleged, all denominations of Christians are agreed.

It was stated in my last Annual Address, that the Education Society had become merged in the Society for the Advancement of Christianity, under the agreement, that a separate account should be kept of the moneys gathered for the former object, and of any additions which may be made to them. On this small fund there is at present one beneficiary.

The fund for the widows and the children of deceased cler-

gymen, continues to increase; but it also continues to fall short of its object, by the inattention of the greater number of our clergy, to avail themselves of the advantage held out by it to those of their families, who may be deprived by death of their husbands and their fathers. The few present annuitants, in addition to what are strictly the fruits of purchase, have, for some years past, and will probably continue to receive a hundred per cent. There is only one family in the character of annuitants, and there are only five annual contributors of the clergy. There have been lately printed the charter and the laws of the corporation, a copy of which will be furnished to any clergyman present, who may apply for it to the Secretary, the Rev. Dr. Kemper.

The Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society have been more successful than in any former year, in the obtaining of pecuniary means, which has added to their efficiency; although we have to lament the difficulty of obtaining missionary aid. Proceedings of the Society, from time to time, are given to the public from the press; and may be obtained by any member of the body now present. Therefore, there is the less reason to detail them on this occasion.

Of the Episcopal Fund, a report will be made by its treasurer, but I cannot mention it without regretting the small extent in which there are annual sermons for the increase of the permanent portion of the fund, to the amount which will be necessary on the discontinuance of the present loan. The extinguishment of this debt is not only required by justice to the generous contributors, but is also essential to the perpetuity of a provision for the support of a bishop, disengaged from parochial connexion and its duties.

The Bible Society of Philadelphia having been annually noticed by me, I embrace this opportunity of mentioning, that, in the past year, besides its usual extent of exertion, it has accomplished its object announced to the last Convention, of providing, that over the whole of this extensive state, there shall be no family necessarily destitute of a Bible. They have also contributed \$1,000 to the Funds of the American Bible Society, located in New York; to aid in extending the same beneficence over the whole of the American Union.

Brethren—

Your present diocesan, while it is his earnest desire to cherish a due sense of gratitude to the bestower of all good, for the measure of health, and of strength extended to this late period of life, ought not to be backward in acknowledging a lessening of his physical ability for the labours which he has heretofore considered as exacted by his station. It is, however, a consolation to him, that what would have been other-

wise wanting, has been amply supplied by the zeal and the industry of the Right Rev. the Assistant Bishop, whose report for the last year, will be immediately addressed to you.

WILLIAM WHITE.

The Right Rev. Bishop *Onderdonk* delivered his Annual Address.

ADDRESS.

Brethren, the Clerical and the Lay Members of this Convention,

I report to you, in conformity with the 45th canon of the General Convention, my proceedings during the past year.

In various churches in Philadelphia I have preached thirty times on twenty-one Sundays. At the House of Refuge, I have officiated three times. On the afternoon of Sunday, February 14, I performed divine service for the first time, and preached in the school-house recently erected in Moyamensing, in this vicinity, which it is intended to use as a place of worship till a church can be built.

I have visited the north-eastern and north-western sections of the diocese, and some of the central and other parishes, as will appear from the following memorandum of the several places at which I have *preached*: viz. Sunday, June 14, 1829, Whitemarsh, morning. Sunday, August 16, Hamiltonville, morning. Sunday, Sept. 6, Mantua, morning. Sunday, Sept. 13, Marietta, morning; Columbia, afternoon and evening. 15th, Carlisle, evening. 16th, do. evening. 17th, Petersburg, evening. 18th, Christ church, Adams county, morning; Gettysburg, evening. 19th, York, evening. Sunday, 20th, do. morning and evening. Sunday, 27th, Germantown, morning. 29th, Easton, evening. October 1st, Honesdale, morning; Bethany, evening. 2nd, Mount Pleasant, (Wayne county,) evening. Sunday, 4th, New Milford, morning. 5th, Montrose, afternoon and evening. 6th, Friendsville, afternoon. 8th, Pike, (Wyalusing creek,) morning and afternoon. 9th, Springville, morning and afternoon. Sunday, 11th, Wilkesbarre, morning and evening. 12th, Berwick, evening. 14th, Bloomsburgh, morning and evening. 15th, Orangeville, morning and evening. 16th, Sugarloaf, morning. Sunday, 18th, Jerseytown, morning and afternoon. 19th, Munceyborough, (or Pennsborough,) evening. 20th, Muncy creek, morning; Hughesburgh, afternoon. 21st, Williamsport, morning; Muncy-farms, evening. 23d, Milton, morning and evening; Lewisburgh, (or Durrstown,) afternoon. 24th, Northumberland, morning; Sunbury, afternoon. Sunday, 25th, Danville, morning, afternoon, and evening. 27th, Pottsville, evening. 28th, Reading, morning and evening. Sunday, Nov. 15th, Bristol, morning. Sunday, December 6th, Oxford, morning. Sunday,

December 13th, Germantown, morning and evening. Christmas, All Saints, morning.—1830. Sunday, January 24th, Germantown, morning. Sunday, March 21st, Norristown, afternoon. April 16th, Thompsonstown, afternoon. 17th, Lewistown, evening. Sunday, 18th, do. morning and afternoon. 19th, Bellefonte, evening. 20th, Philipsburgh, evening. 23d, Franklin, morning and evening. Sunday, 25th, Meadville, morning and afternoon. 26th, Waterford, afternoon. 27th, Erie, morning and evening. 28th, Mercer, evening. 29th, do. morning. 30th, Venango Furnace, (Scrubgrass,) morning. May 1st, near Harrisville, (Slippery Rock,) morning. Sunday, 2nd, Butler, morning and evening. 4th, Kittanning, morning and evening. 5th, Butler, evening. Sunday, 9th, Pittsburgh, morning and afternoon. 11th, Blairsville, morning.

I have also preached in two of the Swedes' churches in this state—at Upper Merion, on Sunday, March 21st—and at Kingsessing, on Sunday, March 28. These congregations, with a third in Philadelphia, descend from the Episcopal church of Sweden. They are under the pastoral care of the aged and venerable Dr. Colin, who received orders in that country. The assistant ministers are of our communion; and their worship, in English, is conducted according to our liturgy.

Three Sundays I have spent in Delaware; and I have officiated one Sunday afternoon at Camden, in New Jersey. On three Sundays I have been unable to officiate, in consequence of sickness; from which cause, likewise, I was compelled to break an appointment at Lancaster on a week day evening. On two Sundays, and four other days appropriated to public solemnities, I have been unemployed in clerical duties.

The *Confirmations* held by me have been as follows, viz. St. James's, Philadelphia, 2 persons, (one from Kentucky, and one from Louisiana, desirous of receiving that ordinance before returning to those states.) Christ church, Adams county, 11 persons. York, 11. New Milford, 6. Montrose, 5. Pike, 2. Springville, 1. Wilkesbarre, 1. Sugarloaf, 5. Muncy creek, 21. Sunbury, 2. Danville, 21. Bristol, 21. Oxford, 17. All Saints, 31. St. John's, Northern Liberties, Philadelphia, 7. Lewistown, 5. Philipsburgh, 7. Franklin, 4. Meadville, 19. Venango Furnace, 5. near Harrisville, 16. Butler, 28. Kittanning, 6. Pittsburgh, 14. Blairsville, 10.

On the 4th of October, I had the pleasure of *consecrating* St. Mark's church, New Milford. On the 14th, the same solemnity was performed in St. Paul's church, Bloomsburgh, an old building, recently repaired, and not before consecrated. And on the 25th, I finished my north-eastern tour by conse-

crating Christ church, Danville; a place where, two years before, our services had never been performed, and we have now a substantial and elegant house of worship, and a large and flourishing congregation.

New churches are erecting at Jerseytown, Pottsgrove, and New London Cross Roads. That at Pottsville (before reported) is ready for consecration. At Waterford, I laid the corner stone of an Episcopal church on the 26th of last month.

Twelve *ordinations* have been held by me; at which 11 deacons were ordained priests, and 7 candidates ordained deacons; one of the priests being ordained by request of the Standing Committee of the diocese of Delaware, and two of the deacons by a similar request from that of the diocese of Maryland. As it is proper that these acts be specifically recorded, I add the following enumeration of them:

On Sunday, August 9th, 1829, in Christ church, Philadelphia, the Rev. Isaac Pardee, deacon, (of Delaware,) was admitted to the holy order of priests.

On Sunday, August 16, in St. Mary's church, Hamiltonville, the Rev. Raymond Alphonso Henderson, deacon, was admitted to the holy order of priests, and Mr. John Swan, (of Maryland) to that of deacons.

On Sunday, Sept. 20th, in St. John's church, York, Mr. John H. Marsden was admitted to the holy order of deacons.

On Sunday, Sept. 27th, in St. Luke's church, Germantown, Mr. Robert W. Goldsborough, (of Maryland,) was admitted to the holy order of deacons.

On Sunday, Oct. 11th, in St. Stephen's church, Wilkesbarre, the Rev. James May, deacon, was admitted to the holy order of priests.

On Sunday, Nov. 15th, in St. James's church, Bristol, the Rev. William Henry Rees, deacon, was admitted to the holy order of priests. Our venerable friend, the Rev. Dr. Wharton, of New Jersey, attended on this occasion, with two presbyters of this diocese.

On Sunday, January 24th, 1830, in St. Luke's church, Germantown, Mr. George P. Giddinge was admitted to the holy order of deacons.

On Sunday, March 7th, in St. Andrew's church, Philadelphia, Mr. Matthew Henry Henderson was admitted to the holy order of deacons. On this occasion, the Right Rev. Bishop Chase favoured me by delivering the ordination sermon.

On Sunday, April 4th, in St. John's church, Northern Liberties, Philadelphia, the Rev. George Kirke, and the Rev. George Mintzer, deacons, were admitted to the holy order of priests.

On Sunday, April 25th, in Christ church, Meadville, the Rev. John W. James, deacon, was admitted to the holy order of priests. The Rev. J. Hall, of Ohio, and the Rev. R. Mur-

ray, of New York, kindly attended, as the assisting presbyters on this occasion.

On Sunday, May 9th, in Trinity church, Pittsburgh, the Rev. William Hilton, and the Rev. Francis H. L. Laird, deacons, were admitted to the holy order of priests; and Mr. Lyman N. Freeman, and Mr. Sanson K. Brunot to that of deacons.

On Sunday last, May 16th, in St. James's church, Philadelphia, the Rev. Lucius Carter, and the Rev. Corry Chambers, deacons, were admitted to the holy order of priests. Mr. Chambers was ordained deacon, a few years since, by the Bishop of Meath, in Ireland.

Since the last Convention, I have *baptized* 17 children. And I have administered the *Lord's supper* 13 times in this diocese, besides at the above ordinations.

For the hospitalities every where kindly afforded me, and for the attention shown, in many places, in forwarding me on my several journeys, I beg the acceptance, by my valued friends, of my sincere acknowledgments.

The *missionaries* now in the employ of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania are twelve in number: viz.—

1. The Rev. William Bryant, at Moyamensing, principally.
2. The Rev. George Kirke, at New London Cross Roads, and the vicinity.
3. The Rev. John A. Hicks, at Easton.
4. The Rev. George A. Mintzer, at Douglasville, (Morlatintin,) Pottsgrove and the vicinity.
5. The Rev. Corry Chambers, at Pottsville and the vicinity.
6. The Rev. Christian Wiltberger, at Sunbury, Milton, Lewisburgh and the vicinity.
7. The Rev. Lucius Carter, at Jersey town, Muncy, and Hughesburgh.
8. The Rev. Samuel Marks, at Springville, Pike, Friendsville, Montrose, and New Milford.
9. The Rev. Henry H. Pfeiffer, at Connelsville, Manaleny, and St. Peter's church, Washington county.
10. The Rev. William Hilton, at Butler, Kittanning, Harrisville, and Venango Furnace.
11. The Rev. John W. James, at Meadville, Franklin, and Mercer.
12. The Rev. Bennet Glover, at Erie and Waterford.

The missionary employed last year at Philipsburgh has been absent for some months on account of his health, with leave from the bishops and the Society. He has now returned. But whether his missionary duties will be continued I am not yet apprised.

The Rev. Mr. Rutledge has very kindly performed gratui-

tously, during the usual season, the missionary duty at Mantua and Hamiltonville, in this county.

In this extensive usefulness of the Society named, we all, I am sure, rejoice. And I hope I shall not prove mistaken in the persuasion in which I fondly indulge—that means will be furnished for its continued and extended efforts in the cause of our Zion—that this diocese will make *it* the centre of its affections, its bounty, and its prayers, in the great cause of enlarging and establishing the kingdom of the Redeemer—and will gladly and zealously provide thus for the young and needy members of its “own household.” An effort of no ordinary magnitude, for this purpose, will soon be required; as the principal source of revenue will expire with the present year. To effect a renewal of this, is essential to the prosperity of our church in this diocese. No object is nearer to my heart. If my own exertions can further it, I will gladly contribute them in any way that may be deemed the most advisable. And I trust I do not ask too much of the Rev. brethren and gentlemen here assembled, in the earnest request, that they will make this great duty the subject of conversation with the members of their respective parishes—and particularly that, in our larger and more wealthy congregations, the necessity of continuing and increasing the principal subscription list of this Society, for another term of years, will be fully stated. If adequate means be not provided for this Society and its all important object, I fear I shall have lost the right arm of my usefulness.

I need not add that the call for missionary duty within this diocese, instead of being less urgent, in proportion to the number of missionaries employed, becomes, on the contrary, more so. There are several places where they could now be advantageously stationed; and some of our present missionaries ought to have their fields of duty divided, and part of their burdensome charge assigned to others. And, should our diocese continue to flourish, such opportunities and exigencies will constantly open upon us in new directions. But in order to improve and meet them, there must be a regular and increasing supply of funds. Let me again express the hope that these will not be wanting.

I have not deemed it expedient to notice, in my former address, other affairs of our church than those in which this diocese is principally concerned. Two events, however, of general interest, have a peculiar claim to our recollection on this occasion. The first is, the consecration of the Assistant Bishop of our church in Virginia; the well known zeal, and devotedness, and elevation of character, of that Right Rev. gentleman, authorize peculiar hopes of his usefulness, both in his labours in that diocese, and in his influence on the Church at

large. The other event I allude to, is the decease of Bishop Ravenscroft; a dispensation of Providence, over which the hearts of all in our communion have mourned. Let us mingle, however, with our regrets the recollection of the bright character he has left. Decision of opinion, candour in declaring and maintaining unqualified truth, and the vigorous discharge of official duty, were, in him, blended, with entire amiableness of disposition and suavity of demeanour, with absolute singleness of purpose, with total oblivion of self. The loss of such a man could not but be deeply felt. His example needs no eloquence to commend it to our imitation.

The munificent legacies of the late Mr. Kohne, of which our church will partake largely, call for our veneration of the memory of so distinguished a benefactor, and for our thankfulness to the divine goodness, in moving his heart to so ample a "consecration" of his "substance to the Lord of the whole earth."

I cannot conclude without a record of gratitude to our heavenly Father, for restoring the health of our venerable and beloved diocesan. At his advanced age, every assault of disease awakens the most painful solitudes; and such were ours respecting him, a few months ago. But the merciful Being, whose "eyes are over the righteous," has re-established him in a degree of bodily and mental vigour unusual at such a period of life. And we are thus permitted again to indulge the hope, that the "day" may be long deferred, in which God "will take away our master" and father from our head.

H. U. ONDERDONK.

May 18, 1830.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. *De Lancey*, Resolved, That such clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal church, belonging to this diocese, not entitled to seats in this convention; and such clergymen not belonging to this diocese, and such students of divinity in the Episcopal church, as may be now in the city, be admitted to attend the sittings of this Convention.

Whereupon the following gentlemen attended the sittings of the Convention; the Rev. *Francis L. Hawks*, the Rev. *Charles M. Dupuy*, the Rev. *Joseph Jaquett*, the Rev. *Thomas G. Allen*, the Rev. *Peter Van Pelt*, the Rev. *Pierce Connelly*, the Rev. *Christian Wiltberger*, the Rev. *Stephen H. Tyng*, the Rev. *John W. James*, and the Rev. *Joab G. Cooper*, of the diocese of Pennsylvania; the Rev. *Norman Nash* and the Rev. *Henry M. Mason*, of the diocese of New Jersey; the Rev. *Greenbury W. Ridgely*, of the diocese of Virginia; the Rev. *Matthew H. Henderson*, of the diocese of New York. And Mr. *A. P. Prevost*, candidate for orders in the diocese of Pennsylvania.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. *De Lancey*, it was Ordered, That

the Rev. Dr. *Abercrombie*, and the Rev. Dr. *Wilson* be a committee to examine if there be any business on the Journal of the last Convention to be acted upon by this Convention.

The Rev. Dr. *Kemper* laid the minutes of the Standing Committee for the past year on the table; and having in behalf of the Committee asked, and had leave to read the reports of the treasurer of the Convention, and of the treasurer of the Episcopal Fund,* and also a portion of the minutes in relation to the same, moved the following resolutions, which were adopted.

Resolved, That at 5 o'clock this afternoon the deputies of the respective churches be publicly called on in Convention, by the Secretary thereof, to state whether payments of the arrears, or any part thereof, due to the Convention Fund, may be expected, and when.

Resolved, That at the same time the clerical members be inquired of within the regulation, in regard to the Episcopal Fund, for the past year, whether they have complied with the same, and what has been the amount of the collections respectively made in their churches for that object.

Adjourned until 4 o'clock, P. M.

*St. Peter's Church, Philadelphia,
Wednesday, May 19, 1830, 4 o'clock, P. M.*

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved.

The Rev. Mr. *Thorn* appeared and took his seat.

The following Lay Deputies presented certificates of their appointment, and took their seats.

Lewis G. Pearce
Cromwell Pearce

Issachar Pauling
Coleman R. Jacobs

Dr. *Abercrombie*, from the committee on unfinished business, read the following report.

The committee appointed to examine if there be any business on the Journal of the last Convention to be acted on by this Convention, *Report*, That they find no such business on that Journal, except the report of the committee appointed on the memorial from Pittsburgh, relative to the establishment of a Western Theological Seminary, which was recommended to the early consideration of the present Convention—19th May, 1830.

JAMES ABERCROMBIE,
BIRD WILSON.

On motion of Mr. *Jolly*, *Ordered*, That the report on unfinished business be taken up, and the subject of the Western Theological Seminary referred to this body be considered.

* The Reports will be found at the end of the Journal.

Whereupon Mr. *Lowber* moved the following resolution.

Resolved, That the subject of the Western Theological Seminary, referred to the consideration of this Convention, be committed to a committee, consisting of the Rev. Messrs. *Hopkins, Rutledge, De Lancey, and Boyd*, and Mr. *Binney*, to report to this body, if any, and what measures it is necessary for this Convention to adopt in relation thereto.

Before this resolution was disposed of, the hour for taking up the subject of the inquiry of the deputies respecting the money due to the Convention Fund from the respective churches, and of the clergy respecting the collections made during the last year for the Episcopal Fund, arrived.

The deputies having been called on, in conformity to the resolution of this morning,

On motion of Dr. *De Lancey*, it was *Ordered*, That the Treasurer of the Convention attend in this church to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock, to receive the monies due to the Convention Fund from the respective churches.

On motion of Mr. *Lowber*, it was *Resolved*, That the Treasurer of the Convention, with two gentlemen to be named by the Convention, be authorized to compromise the claims of the Convention Fund upon such churches as are in arrears to that fund.

Whereupon the Rev. Dr. *Kemper* and Mr. *Lowber* were appointed to act with the Treasurer.

The clergy were called on to report respecting the collections for the Episcopal Fund.

The following clergymen reported that they had made the collections, and stated the amount.

The Rt. Rev. Bishop White	The Rev. Mr. Bowman
The Rev. Levi Bull	Dr. Montgomery
Mr. Brincklé	Mr. Mead
Mr. James	Mr. Sheets
Mr. Hopkins	Mr. Thorn
Mr. Kirke	

The following clergymen had not made the collection, viz:

The Rev. Mr. Bedell	The Rev. Mr. Laird
Mr. Mintzer	Mr. May
Mr. Marks	Mr. Wiltberger
Mr. Rees	Mr. Clay
Mr. Morgan	Mr. Rodney
Mr. Reynolds	Mr. Tyng
Mr. Clemson	Mr. Boyd
Mr. Carter	Mr. Smith

The Convention resumed the consideration of the resolu-

tion offered by Mr. *Lowber* respecting the Western Theological Seminary, and the resolution was adopted.

Adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

St. Peter's Church, Philadelphia,
Thursday, (Ascension day) May 20, 1830, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayers were read by the Rev. Mr. *Rodney*, Rector of St. Luke's church, Germantown, and St. Thomas's church, Whitemarsh.

The roll was called, and the minutes of yesterday, P. M. were read and approved.

Mr. *Percival*, lay deputy from St. Peter's church, appeared and took his seat.

The following lay deputies presented certificates of their appointment, and took their seats, viz.

Dr. *Thomas W. Minor* and *Jacob Hibbs*.

On motion, the Parochial Reports were read.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Report of the Rev. G. T. Bedell, Rector of St. Andrew's church, Philadelphia.

Baptisms, adults 9—children 29—total 38—marriages 26—funerals 9—communicants, last reported, 159—died 2—left the city 4—joined St. James's 1—joined St. Paul's 3—withdrawn 1—ordained 1—added 42—leaving the present total 243.

Sunday School Department.

Female Bible Class, No. 1.	Teach. 1.	Scholars 48.	Average attend. 42
Do. No. 2.	„ 1.	„ 15.	„ 12
Female Sunday School,	„ 16.	„ 226.	„ 170
Female Coloured School,	„ 16.	„ 276.	„ 180
Female Infant School,	„ 1.	„ 90.	„ 85
Male Bible Class,	„ 1.	„ 36.	„ 34
Male Sunday School,	„ 11.	„ 142.	„ 123
Male Infant School,	„ 1.	„ 102.	„ 95

Total, Teachers 48. Scholars 935. Average attend. 741

Besides this number actually attached to St. Andrew's church, there are about 700 other Sunday scholars taught in various schools in the suburbs, by teachers who are members of this church, so that the actual number of teachers employed amounts to 93.

Since the last meeting of the Convention, the Sunday school teachers of this church, 93 in number, have been formed into an association, called "The Teachers' Association of St. Andrew's church," of which the Rector is *ex officio* president. The Rector meets the members of the association every Wed-

nesday evening, for the purpose of giving an expository lecture, and entering into familiar conversation on the lesson which is to be taught on the succeeding Sunday. This is found to be an agreeable and useful exercise. There has been an average attendance on these occasions of 43 teachers.

Since the last Convention the following collections have been made by the permission of the vestry:—

1829.	July 5.	American Colonization Society,	\$43 31
	Nov. 29.	General Missionary Society,	134 00
1830.	Jan. 24.	Sunday Schools of St. Andrew's,	165 00
	March 7.	General Missionary Society, Greek mission,	90 50
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			\$432 81

These were congregational collections, made on Sundays. There have been other collections during the week, some not immediately connected with the objects of the Episcopal Church—and, besides this, the Female Society for the Promotion of Religion, now auxiliary to the General Missionary Society, has appropriated as follows:—

To the Florida Mission,	-	-	-	\$100 00
To the Greek Mission,	-	-	-	100 00
To the city and suburbs,	-	-	-	150 00
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				\$350 00

Three committees, composed of communicants, and called Committees of Education, are each supporting a student in a course of education for holy orders, at an annual expense of \$300.

Two Bible classes, attached to the Sunday schools of this church, in connexion with one taught on Sunday evenings by a member of this church, are ready to support a school in Greece, at an annual expense of \$300. For this purpose there is already on hand or pledged, nearly \$500.

Our Sunday school accommodations being insufficient, it is intended to build a Sunday school house. One member of the congregation has already given \$3,000 towards this object.

It affords the Rector peculiar gratification to be able to state that the congregation have presented and prepared for the use of the Mission Family to Greece, articles of comfort, valued at a low estimate at \$330.

The Rector does not feel at liberty to withhold these statements because they evince an increase of the missionary spirit which he desires to cherish, and which he believes inseparably connected with the increase of piety and the prosperity of the Church.

The Bible class attached to this church, as last year, has been united with that of the Rev. Mr. *Smith*, Rector of Grace church, and by him attended to.

Report of the Rev. Samuel Bowman, Rector of St. James's church, Lancaster.

Since the commencement of the present year, it has pleased God to remove from his earthly labours, the Rev. *Joseph Clarkson*, senior minister of St. James's church. In consequence of this event, the co-rectorship, hitherto for some years subsisting in this church, has been formally abolished by the vestry.

There have been during the past year, 5 marriages—4 funerals—6 baptisms, of which 5 were infants, and 1 adult. This does not include the official acts of Mr. *Clarkson*.

The Society, auxiliary to the Society for the Advancement of Christianity, continues its operations; as does also the Female Tract Society. In addition to these the zealous and active ladies of the congregation, have formed themselves into an association, to aid, by their industry, the cause of Domestic and Foreign Missions. The Society was first instituted many years since, but owing to several untoward circumstances, which, however, reflect no discredit upon the members, it was at length discontinued. Within the last six months it has been revived, and has already realized about \$60: and, by the close of its first year, it is hoped, will contribute \$100 to the excellent cause for which it was at first instituted.

Our Sunday school, the best hope of the church, continues, by the blessing of God, in successful operation. Both departments prosper. Under its present active and indefatigable director, the numbers in the male school have, within little more than a year, increased fivefold. The present number of boys is 124—of girls 100—teachers about 30. There is a library attached to the school, containing several hundred volumes; and by means of a permanent annual subscription, we are enabled to make, from time to time, all such additions as are desirable. The collection for the Episcopal Fund, amounts this year to \$16 50.

Report of the Rev. George Boyd, Rector of St. John's church, N. L., Philadelphia.

Since the last report there have been added to the communion of this church 6 persons; 33 have been baptized, of which number 30 were infants: and 11 couple have been married.

During the year a commodious house, two stories high, twenty by forty feet, has been erected for the accommodation of the Sunday schools, and of the week day exercises of the

congregation. This building has been put up at an expense of about \$900, of which upwards of \$300 have been paid, and the remainder it is expected will be discharged by the rents of the building, at present amounting to \$180 annually. The congregation is much indebted to Mr. John Ashburner, for the public spirit he has manifested, and the responsibilities which he assumed in the erection of this building.

Besides the stated services of the Lord's day, the rector has two regular week day exercises on Tuesday and Friday evenings in each week; and also a preparatory lecture on the Saturday evening before each administration of the Lord's supper. On Tuesday evening the service consists of an exposition of the Sunday school lesson for the ensuing sabbath, designed to aid the teachers in their work: and on Friday evening there is a meeting of the Bible class, which consists of from 60 to 80 persons of both sexes.

The Sunday schools belonging to this church have never been in a more flourishing condition. That of the boys is under the happy superintendence of John Rumsey, Esq. who is well supported by a number of devoted teachers. There are 107 boys whose names are on the roll, and 75 or 80 always in attendance.

The girls' school is superintended by Miss Margaret Wolbert, who, to every qualification for the situation, has united the cordial and affectionate support of a large class of intelligent, pious, and attentive teachers. The Rector takes pleasure in testifying that this is one of the best schools which he has ever seen. The number of girls in the school is 144, 120 of whom regularly attend.

Report of the Rev. Samuel Brincklé, Rector of St. David's (Radnor) church, Delaware county; and St. Peter's church, Great Valley, Chester county.

St. David's (Radnor) church.

Baptisms 2 adults—communicants, added, 3—died, 2—present number 19—marriages 6—funerals not ascertained.

St. Peter's church, Great Valley.

Baptisms, 2 infants—communicants, added 1—removed 2—present number 19—funerals not ascertained.

The vestry of St. Peter's are at this time engaged in giving their church a thorough repair. Similar improvements have been resolved on by the vestry of St. David's; and the necessary funds secured. It is contemplated to set about the work immediately. This church has lately contributed \$58 50 to the Greek mission.

Report of the Rev. Levi Bull, Rector of St. Mary's church, Chester county; Bangor church, Churchtown, Lancaster county; and St. Thomas's church, Morgantown, Berks county.

St. Mary's church, Chester county.

Baptisms, 2 adults, 7 infants—communicants 70—burials, for 2 years, 39.

St. Thomas's church, Morgantown, Berks county.

Baptisms not duly entered—communicants 60—burials 6.

Bangor church, Churchtown, Lancaster county.

Baptisms 15—communicants 20—funerals not returned.

Collections have been taken in all the above named churches for the Episcopal Fund, and for the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

A Sunday school is conducted by the members of St. Mary's, and one conducted principally by the members of Bangor church.

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Report of the Rev. Lucius Carter, Rector of St. James's church, Muncy, Lycoming county, and Christ church, Jersey town, Columbia county, missionary, in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

St. James's church, Muncy, Lycoming county.

During the year last past, there has been an accession of 7 persons to the communion of St. James's church, Muncy and Muncy creek, 21 persons have been confirmed, and 6 infants, and 1 adult baptized. One person, formerly a communicant, has withdrawn from our communion, with the intention, I believe, of returning to the Methodist Society, of which she was once a member. Whole number of communicants 49—confirmed 21—baptisms 7—funerals 5.

Christ church, Jersey town, Columbia county.

Since the last Convention, a church edifice has been begun and completed at Jersey town, to which the people in its vicinity have very generally contributed; and which, to present appearance, will conduce much to the prosperity of that congregation. Number of communicants 20—baptisms 6—funerals 2.

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Report of the Rev. Corry Chambers, missionary, at Pottsville, Schuylkill county, Pa., in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

Baptisms 20—marriages 11—funerals 19—communicants not known.

The church erected by the enterprising people of this borough, and friends to the Christian cause, who kindly lent their aid, is now completed, and ready for consecration; the basement story of which has been used as a place of public worship for the last eight months.

Divine service is performed here twice every Lord's day, also on Christmas day, Ash-Wednesday, and Good Friday—Mr. Chambers begs leave to say, that last Ash-Wednesday, there was no congregation assembled, owing to unfavourable weather, and, consequently, no preaching.

There is a Sunday school at Pottsville, which was established before Mr. C.'s arrival, as a branch of the American Sunday School Union; from this he has found it adviseable not to depart until after the consecration of the Episcopal church, when an Episcopal Sunday school shall be established.

The state of Pottsville is too well known to require any comment; suffice it to say, that the majority of the inhabitants, are industrious, moral, and intelligent; and, with very few exceptions, anxious that our church would prosper, but any thing further, as to vital piety, Mr. C. feels himself not authorized to say at present, but hopes he will hereafter, when the place is more completely settled.

Report of the Rev. Jehu C. Clay, Rector of St. John's church, Norristown, and St. James's church, Perkiomen, Montgomery county.

St. John's church, Norristown.

There has been but little change in the condition of this church since the last report. Some of the communicants have been removed by death, or a change of residence. The number, however, is still about 50—the baptisms have been 15—the marriages 5—and the funerals 6. There has been lately an increased demand for pews, and a large congregation generally attends upon the worship of the church. The Sunday school is flourishing, numbering about seventy scholars, whose instruction is well attended to by the ladies of the congregation.

St. James's church, Perkiomen.

The most favourable circumstance the Rector has to report, in relation to this church, is the regular attendance of the people upon its services. The communicants are 33—the baptisms during the past year, have been 3—marriages 9—funerals none.

The Sunday school consists of about 50 children, in whose improvement great interest is felt by the ladies who have the charge of them.

Report of the Rev. John B. Clemson, Rector of St. John's church, Pequea, Chester county, and Christ church, Leacock, Lancaster county.

St. John's church, Pequea.

Communicants 31—marriages 3—baptisms, children, 4—adult 1—burials 5.

Christ Church, Leacock.

Communicants 15—marriages 10—baptisms, children, 7—adults 3—burials 5.

In regard to the spiritual state of these congregations, the Rector has nothing interesting to report.

Report of the Rev. James De Pui, Rector of St. Paul's church, Bloomsburgh, and St. Gabriel's church, Sugarloaf, Columbia county.

St. Paul's church, Bloomsburg.

There have been baptisms 15 (1 adult, 14 infant)—funerals 30 (14 adult, 16 infant)—marriages 6.

This church has been repaired, and consecrated during the past year. Communicants, 2 added, 2 died, whole number 41.

St. Gabriel's church, Sugarloaf.

There have been baptisms 19 infant, 2 adult—marriages 1—confirmed 5—communicants, 3 added, 2 died, whole number 17. Having removed to Danville, it has become very inconvenient to continue my services to this congregation. I shall be under the disagreeable necessity of leaving them. A missionary between Jerseytown and St. Gabriel's might find sufficient employment. By the congregation of Christ church, Danville, a beautiful building has been erected at an expense of several thousand dollars. The erection of this church, by a congregation that sprang into existence on a sudden, speaks well of their liberality and zeal in the cause of the church. This building was consecrated by the Assistant Bishop on his late visit, by whom also the rite of confirmation was administered on the day of consecration to 21 individuals.

Report of the Rev. John A. Hicks, Rector of Trinity church, Easton, Northampton county, and missionary in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

The state of my parish is much the same as when I last reported. Two persons have been added to the list of communicants during the last year, and two have been stricken from it, one by death, and another by removal. The whole number remains about 25. I have interred 4 persons, and baptized 2 children, and married 1 couple. The number of attendants

upon our services has evidently increased. Our Sunday school has somewhat diminished in consequence of the want of teachers, but I am in hopes that we shall be able soon to increase it to its former size. A room has been lately built under the church for its accommodation, and the money has been raised by subscription to pay for it. When I took charge of the parish, the vestry were in debt to the amount of about \$1400. The debt has been paid with the exception of a very trifling sum, and I think that a proper degree of exertion will in time succeed in establishing the church here upon a permanent footing. The ladies have formed a Missionary Society, auxiliary to the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania, and to the General Foreign and Domestic Mission Society of the Church. They will be able at the close of the year to remit a small sum to each of these institutions.

Report of the Rev. John H. Hopkins, Rector of Trinity church, Pittsburgh.

Baptisms since the last Convention, adults 2, infants 43, total 45—communicants added within the last year 38—changes from removals and deaths not precisely ascertained, but the present list is considerably above 200. In a population like that of Pittsburgh, it is necessary to correct the entire list at least every 3d year. The actual recipients, however, who attend with reasonable punctuality, may be safely rated at 150, and their number has been steadily increasing. Marriages 5.

Collection for the Episcopal Fund, \$12. And an association of the parish have provided \$127 for the support of a missionary to officiate in the immediate vicinity of Pittsburgh.

The Sunday school department does not present an aspect materially different from the report of the last year. It is prosperous, and promises to be more so. On the whole, the condition of the parish is flourishing beyond any former period, and furnishes abundant cause of thankfulness to the gracious Giver of all good, for its continued increase in numbers, piety, and zeal.

Report of the Rev. John Waller James, Rector of Christ church, Meadville, and missionary in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

I commenced officiating in Christ church, Meadville, in August last, from which time there have been regular morning and evening Sunday services, besides an observance of the prominent feast and fast days. Weekly meetings of the Sunday school teachers I also attended for some time, and having found them useful, they will be resumed. It may be proper

to mention, that they were for the purpose of conversing freely and generally on the subject of the school, and for improvement in scriptural knowledge, an exercise on the gospels employing most of the evening. The school was in a low condition, but has been revived, and is now in prosperous circumstances. It has been connected with the Sunday School Union of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and the system of instruction recommended by the Union adopted, as far as is at present practicable. Number of scholars is now about 80—number of teachers 16, and a superintendent and librarian. An auxiliary Sunday School Society was formed after a sermon on the subject, and a collection made, amounting to \$20. A Parish Missionary Society has also been formed, auxiliary to the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania. After the sermon relating to this subject, a collection was made of \$21 50. A collection was made, also, for the fund of the diocese for the support of the episcopate, which amounted to \$12 50. The church was reported at last Convention to be furnished with an organ. Since then a bell, weighing 500lbs. has been raised in the tower. Several improvements have been made, adding to the beauty, comfort, and convenience of the building, and some other improvements are contemplated.

At a late visit of the Right Rev. the Assistant Bishop, I was admitted to priests orders, and 19 of my congregation were confirmed. On this occasion communion was administered for the first time since my residence there. What the number of communicants is, therefore, I cannot exactly say; about 30 or 40 were then counted, some of whom were from the neighbouring country, and some were new communicants. I have baptized 11 adults, and 22 infants, in all 33—have officiated at 3 funerals, and at 1 marriage. One of the funerals was that of a communicant. Upon the whole, for both spiritual and temporal condition we have reason to be thankful and “take courage.”

The duty of attending, as a missionary, the parishes of Franklin and Mercer, has devolved upon me. It was out of my power to visit either of them until this spring, when I preached at each place twice. In Franklin 4 persons were confirmed by Bishop Onderdonk. In Mercer I baptized 2 infants. In both these places there are very few Episcopalians, and it must be some time before the church can attain to any strength in either. I trust, however, that something will be done, as I have made arrangements to visit each place every few weeks for evening service. The church building in Franklin is yet unfinished; but encouragement has been given that it would progress this summer.

Report of the Rev. Joseph Jaquett, Rector of St. Matthew's church, Francisville, Philadelphia county.

The Rector of this church regrets his inability to give the Convention a statement of the present position of its affairs, as he has very recently assumed the charge of it. But whatever may be its situation at this moment, he entertains the hope that proper exertions, with the divine blessing, will soon make its state prosperous.

In order to so desirable a consummation, he contemplates delivering a systematic course of lectures on the leading doctrines of the Bible, as being, in his view, the best calculated to attain the object.

The Sunday school attached to this church is in a flourishing condition.

Report of the Rev. George Kirke, Rector of St. John's church, New London, and missionary in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

Since our last Convention, I have, besides attending to my charge at New London, statedly officiated at Chandlersville, at and near the site of St. James's church, West Marlborough, and also, during a considerable part of last summer, at St. John's church, Concord. There have been a few special manifestations of the grace of God in the congregation at New London, but nothing cheering to the labourer, of a general character.

There were, when the Sunday school of St. John's, New London, was discontinued at the church, last autumn, 3 teachers, and 24 scholars. Since that period, instructions have been given at private houses in the vicinity by two or three teachers, to upwards of 50 scholars. A small Bible class has been formed at St. John's, N. L. and another at Chandlersville. Such of the children belonging to St. Johns, as could be got to attend at the church, have been catechised at the stated times of service throughout the year. The families of the congregation have been visited, and, in many instances, the gospel has, on these occasions, been declared to those attending from the several neighbourhoods. The collection for the support of the episcopate, amounting to \$2 46 $\frac{1}{4}$, was taken up on the 9th inst. At Chandlersville 5 children have been baptized, and at St. John's, N. L. 4. At the last mentioned place there have been 2 funerals, one being that of a communicant. With the exception of this communicant, and the addition of 3 others, the present number is about 21. Here also, the Lord has so far blessed our humble efforts, as to enable us to erect a church of the description mentioned in my last report,

which, it is hoped, will be completed before the close of the approaching summer.

Report of the Rev. F. H. L. Laird, Rector of Christ church, Greensburgh, Westmoreland county, and St. Peter's church, Blairsville, Indiana county.

Since his last report he has visited all the families in Georgetown, and St. Paul's church, which he left in November last; he has visited all the families in the churches of which he now reports: he has established in St. Peter's church a Sunday school, which is now prosperous, numbering 4 teachers and 25 scholars—the number of communicants 37—the number of communicants in Christ church is 36—he has baptized since his last report, 20 adults, and 33 infants, whose names, birth time, and parents, have been entered upon the respective registers. Mr. L. has married two couples, and has prepared, in St. Peter's church, 15 persons for confirmation, of which number 10 were confirmed on the 11th inst.

No collections have been taken up in these churches for the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania, or for the Episcopal Fund, because of their pecuniary circumstances.

Report of the Rev. Samuel Marks, missionary in the churches in Susquehanna and Bradford counties, in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

St. Jude's church, Springville, Susquehanna county.

Marriages 5—funerals 3—baptisms 4—communicants 36—confirmed by the Bishop, in October, 1.

St. Matthew's, Pike, Bradford county.

Communicants 18—baptisms 1 adult—funerals 2—confirmed 2.

St. Mark's, New Milford, Susquehanna county.

Baptisms 2, an infant and an adult—funerals 2—marriages 1—communicants unknown—confirmed 6.

By the request of a very worthy gentleman, not of our communion, I have preached at Gillton, (distant from New Milford seven miles,) on the evening of the day I was at New Milford, to very large and attentive congregations.

At Montrose, God in his goodness, has opened a door for the ministrations of our church. In this place I have preached a number of times. In October last I baptized a child, and 5 persons were confirmed by the Bishop. The services were conducted in the Presbyterian Meeting house. Here we have organized a church, and obtained the consent of eight very

respectable men, to serve as vestrymen. In some place or other of my parish churches, within ten miles, I have made it my practice and duty to preach when the weather and roads would allow. No honourable means have been left untried to give our church a fair representation. The demands for the ministrations of clergymen of our communion are increasing too fast to be supplied by one minister. The population is rapidly multiplying—other denominations are leaving nothing undone that can be done, to station their ministers, and propagate their sentiments. It is earnestly hoped by the writer, that the time is not very remote, when churchmen will rise and resolve to imitate the zeal of other denominations in the furtherance of doctrines, second to none in christendom. So righteous and good is the cause of the church, that we say, and not in the spirit of boasting, give us pious, zealous, and enlightened missionaries, and we will neither fear opposition, nor shrink from investigation.

Report of the Rev. James May, Rector of St. Stephen's church, Wilkesbarre.

Baptisms, since last report, 3 infants—deaths, 7 children and 4 adults—present number of communicants 38—marriages 3. Sunday school consists of 90 scholars and 20 teachers, besides an infant Sunday school of 20 pupils.

Report of the Rev. Wm. Cooper Mead, Rector of Trinity church, Southwark, Philadelphia.

Baptisms, 26 infants—marriages 12—funerals 15—communicants, added 8, removed 2, dead 1, total 144.

Sunday Schools.

Male depart. a superintendent, 11 teachers, and 125 pupils.

Female do. No. 1, a directress, 14 do. 150 do.

Do. No. 2, do. 9 do. 80 do.

Do. No. 2, (infant,) do. 2 do. 50 do.

40 teachers. 405 pupils.

The condition of these schools is flourishing, and the Rector feels it a duty to record his testimony in favour of the zeal and faithfulness of their superintendents and teachers. The Rector met the pupils, in the Lecture Room of Trinity church, two evenings in each month during the past autumn and winter, for the purpose of presenting to them illustrations of scripture, accompanied by plain explanatory remarks, adapted to the capacities of children. From the crowded attendance and the interest evinced in these exercises, as well as the promptness with which the children answered the interroga-

stories put to them, there is reason to believe that they have had a salutary effect in improving their knowledge of the scriptures, and in teaching them the lessons of wisdom which may be derived from reading them understandingly.

A Bible class was formed by the Rector in November last, composed of the ladies of the congregation. A large number united in it, and persevered in attending its meetings, even in the most inclement weather. The portion of scripture studied was the Gospel of St. John, which was completed in Easter week.

The Female Missionary Association, auxiliary to the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, has faithfully continued its labours during the past year. It consists of 110 members, and has collected about \$90, of which sum \$50 was paid to the Treasurer of the D. & F. M. S. in July last, to constitute the Rev. R. A. Henderson, the missionary at St. Augustine, Florida, a patron.

The collection required by the VIth of the revised regulations, adopted in 1829, in aid of "the Fund for the support of the Episcopate," has been made; and also the annual collection for the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

In addition to the ordinary services of the Lord's day, there is a service regularly held in a lecture room, fitted up for that purpose, every Tuesday evening throughout the year, and also a service and lecture on the Friday evening of each month preceding the administration of the Lord's supper.

Report of the Rev. George Mintzer, missionary, officiating at St. Gabriel's church, Morlatten, in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

Since my last report I have baptized 11 infants and 5 adults, total 16—marriages 6—burials 8—communicants removed 3, present number 31.

Report of the Rev. James Montgomery, D. D. Rector of St. Stephen's church, Philadelphia.

Since the last annual Convention there have been,

Baptisms, infants 39; adults 1; total 40. Marriages 18. Funerals, in the cemeteries of the church 13. Communicants, added 10; removed 3; present number 90.

Collections have been made during the past year for the following objects, viz.

"The Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania;" the Sunday schools of the church; the Fund for the support of the Epis-

copate of the diocese; the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, and the General Theological Seminary of the same.

The annual catechetical instruction was resumed on the first Sunday in lent, and is now in progress.

The Sunday school attached to the church is in a more flourishing condition than at any former period, numbering upon its roll 110 scholars, of whom the average attendance, for some time past, has been between 70 and 88. In the above number are included about 20 boys, who, in consequence of the want of male teachers in the congregation, are placed under the direction of Female teachers, who, to the number of 14, conduct the whole school with a zeal, intelligence and efficiency worthy of all praise, and which, with the divine blessing, promise the happiest results, both to the objects of their benevolent labours, and to the interests of the church to which they are attached.

On the 3d of December last there was formed in the congregation, a Female Missionary Association, auxiliary to the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Church, by the zealous and successful exertions of which, \$200 were before the 10th inst. paid into the treasury of the parent society. From the lively interest taken in the objects of the association, the Rector indulges the hope that its future annual contributions to the cause of missions will not be less than that of the present year; and he anticipates from this source the most beneficial influences upon the spiritual interests of his congregation.

Report of the Rev. Richard U. Morgan, Rector of St. Paul's church, Chester, and St. Martin's, Marcus Hook, Delaware county, and St. Paul's church, West Whiteland, Chester county.

Communicants, removed 1, suspended 1, added 3; present number 28—baptisms 8 infants—marriages 27—burials 5.

There has been no material change in the state of religion, generally, within the bounds of this parish, during the past year. The Sunday school attached to St. Martin's church is in a prosperous condition, and we feel it due to say, that this is owing, under God, to the zeal and fidelity of its worthy superintendent. The number of scholars enrolled is 45, and about 40 are regular in attendance. There are 6 teachers, 3 male, and 3 female.

The Sunday school of St. Paul's continues its operations, though not with the same zeal and success as at the period of the last report. The hope, however, is indulged, that its concerns will soon, by the divine blessing, be revived, and present a more encouraging aspect.

The Juvenile Bible Class of this church is still attended to with a measure of success.

St. Paul's church, West Whiteland, Chester county.

My services in this portion of the Lord's vineyard, commenced on the 31st of May, 1829, and were continued on every 4th Sunday until the 1st of April last; since which time I have preached in this church on every other Lord's day. This arrangement is expected to be permanent. The prospects are quite encouraging; the number in attendance has uniformly been large, and to the services and interests of the church, there is manifested an increasing attachment. From the density of the population, and the favour with which the church is generally regarded, there is ground to believe, that, through the divine blessing, without which all efforts are in vain, a very respectable and numerous congregation will be established.

The exact number of communicants is not known. The sacrament of the Lord's supper has been once administered, when about twenty persons partook of the ordinance: but a small portion of this number, however, can be considered as actually belonging to the church, though the most of them are regular in their attendance upon its services. Several were from the church of St. Peter's in the Great Valley; and some from other denominations. Baptisms none—marriages none—burials 2 infants.

Connected with this church, there is a promising Sunday school. It was regularly organized on the 27th of June last; and consists at present of 9 teachers, 95 scholars enrolled, and about 40 regular in attendance.

I have preached occasionally during the year at West Chester, where large numbers have attended, and in St. John's church, Concord. This church has been without regular service since the period of the Rev. Mr. Douglass's resignation, and it is to be feared, that unless this little flock is speedily favoured with the stated preaching of the gospel, it will be scattered, and lost to our communion. Within the past year 2 of its communicants have deceased. I attended their funerals, and preached on the occasion.

Report of the Rev. William Henry Rees, Rector of St. James the Greater's church, Bristol, Bucks county.

The Rector reports, that, during the past year, there have been, baptisms 6, (1 adult and 5 infants,)—marriages 3—funerals 10—confirmations 20. The church having been deprived of her register, the Rector has hitherto been unable to furnish an accurate statement of the number of communicants. The present number, so far as has been ascertained, is 77.

The number of children attached to the Sunday school, is 150. An interesting Juvenile Bible Class, which has been attended by upwards of 80 children, has been in operation about six months; and by their contributions, the borough has been supplied monthly with tracts. Recently a convenient gallery has been erected for the accommodation of the Sunday school during divine service. A weekly lecture is still continued.

During the past year, there has been an evident improvement in the temporal condition of the church, it would afford the Rector pleasure could he assert the same with respect to its spiritual state. But while he is obliged to express that lukewarmness and indifference prevail to a most melancholy extent; it is his privilege, at the same time, to believe, that the gospel has, in some instances, proved the power of God unto salvation.

Report of the Rev. John Reynolds, Rector of St. Stephen's church, Harrisburg, Dauphin county.

The circumstances of this church are much the same as reported to the last Convention. Weighed down with a heavy debt, which operates like an incubus on its advancement, it is impossible to calculate upon its future prosperity, unless the friends of the church will generously meet the application made to their liberality. This has been partially realized, and hopes are entertained that it will be more extensively accomplished. In consequence of these pecuniary embarrassments, the collection for the support of the episcopate has not been made. The Conventional quotas have been uniformly paid by this church. There is a Sunday school connected with it. Baptisms 5—funerals 3—communicants 25.

Report of the Rev. John Rodney, jr. Rector of St. Luke's church, Germantown, Philadelphia county, and St. Thomas's church, Whitemarsh, Montgomery county.

The number of baptisms, in both churches, 13—funerals 10—marriages 2—communicants, added 10; whole number in both churches 45, of which number there belongs to St. Luke's church 36.

The Sunday schools are at present in a flourishing condition, and exhibit an aggregate of 150 pupils, under 12 teachers. The library continues to increase and claim attention, and the funds of the school are ample and sufficient for all its various operations.

Report of the Rev. George Sheets, Rector of Trinity church, Oxford, and All Saints' church, Lower Dublin, Philadelphia county.

Trinity church, Oxford.

Baptisms (adults) 2, children 11, total 13—confirmed 17—communicants (added) 2, withdrawn 1, total 25—burials, attended 10, total 27.

Collected for the Bishop's Fund,	-	-	\$8 76
Do. for the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania,	-	-	12 76
Do. for the General Theological Seminary at New York, being the collection in both churches,	-	-	25 75
Do. for the Parish Library,	-	-	8 25

All Saints' church, Lower Dublin.

Baptisms (adults) 8, children 13, total 21—confirmed 31—communicants deceased 2, removed 2, added 14, total 36—marriages 6.

Collected for the Bishop's Fund,	-	-	\$10 92
Do. for the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania,	-	-	22 75
Do. for the Parish Library,	-	-	6 37

There are rather more than one hundred families belonging in whole or in part to these united parishes, most, if not all of whom have been visited through the year past, and some of them frequently, as circumstances required. The churches have had service performed in them as heretofore. And, during the inclement season, in which it is usual to discontinue our afternoon service in the churches, service has been regularly performed in our Poor-house and elsewhere. Some attention has been paid to catechising the children. It is matter of regret that, in Trinity church especially, so few have been added to the communicant list. But, perhaps, upon the whole, these churches are in as promising a state, as could reasonably be expected, considering the great incompetency of the present Rector for discharging the various duties of his widely extended charge in the manner he could wish. It may not be improper to state, that we have sustained heavy losses, especially in Trinity church, within a few years, by the ravages of death. Most of the aged part of the congregation have deceased, and amongst them some of our most respectable and efficient officers. May their descendants fill up the vacant seats in the church of God, with exemplary Christian fidelity. And may we all be duly prepared for the solemn hour, in which we shall be called upon to give an account of our stewardship. The Lord grant that we may find mercy of him in that day.

*Report of the Rev. B. B. Smith, Rector of Grace church, Penn-
township, Philadelphia county.*

Baptisms, since last report, 7 infants, 2 adults, total 9—communicants 27, 3 removed, 7 added—funerals 1—marriages none. Sunday school children about 120. The exposition and ministry of the word has been attended with much apparent seriousness, and the religious prospects of this small parish may be considered as encouraging. Additional efforts in the Sunday school, particularly an infant Sunday school, are very desirable.

*Report of the Rev. John V. E. Thorne, Rector of St. John the
Baptist's church, York, York county, and Christ church, Hun-
tingdon, Adams county.*

St. John's church, York.

Communicants about 30—baptisms 6—funerals 7. Sunday scholars about 45; teachers 8. Collection for the Episcopal Fund \$2 25; for the Diocesan Fund \$5.

Christ church, Adams county.

Communicants 31—baptisms 5—funerals 7. Sunday scholars about 40; teachers 6. Collection for the Episcopal Fund \$2 12½. For the Diocesan Fund \$5.

There has been no material change in the state of these congregations since the last report, with the exception of a gradual increase in the number of attendants on public worship.

*Report of the Rev. Stephen H. Tyng, Rector of St. Paul's church,
Philadelphia.*

The Rector of this church has been engaged in its service a little more than a year. During that period, the congregation of the church has much increased, and there has been an encouraging degree of serious attention to religion among its members. In examining the list of communicants handed to him, upon his assuming the duties of his office, reported to the last Convention as 284, he found it to contain a large number who had, for several years previous, been the recorded communicants of other churches. He reports now as the communicants of his church, none but those whom he knows as such; and, therefore, there may be more than he states to the Convention in this report. From the best investigation which he has been able to make, there are of the communicants who belonged to the church in May, 1829, - - - 187

There have been added during the year past, 30

There have been deceased from this number 3. Dis-
missed to other churches, by their own desire 2. 5

Present number of communicants, - - 212
Baptisms, infants 43, adults 7, total 50—funerals 21—mar-
riages 4.

The congregation of St. Paul's church have lately com-
menced an extensive alteration and improvement of their
church, by which they will be excluded from their proper
house of worship, probably for six months. Although there is
now a considerable attention to religion among them, from
the irregularity of time with which the ordinances are neces-
sarily administered to them, the Rector can hardly expect
much increase of his number of communicants, until they have
possession again of the church. In the mean time it is his
prayer to God, that though in a scattered state, their hearts
may be brought home to Christ, and united for ever unto him.

The Sunday schools of the church are very flourishing,
embracing as general attendants, about 600 scholars.

In the male department, - - - 250

In the female department, - - - 350

600

The Rector has regularly addressed the schools, in a sepa-
rate service established for them, on the afternoon of every
Sunday during the year past, generally in a course of lectures
to them, upon the characters of the Bible. This service has
been found highly useful and interesting to the schools. Du-
ring the season of lent, he instructed the children of the con-
gregation in the catechism every Saturday afternoon.

There are two Bible classes attended by him every week;
a female class on Monday afternoon, and a class of males and
females, principally the teachers in the Sunday schools, every
Thursday evening. Each class contains between 40 and 50
members.

Besides the three services of the Lord's day, there is also a
weekly lecture on Wednesday evening.

*Report of the Rev. Peter Van Pelt, officiating at St. Thomas's
(African) church, Philadelphia.*

Baptisms, children 17—marriages 6—burials 16—commu-
nicants deceased 6, added 22, suspended 1; total, at present,
94.

The Sunday school connected with this church is in suc-
cessful operation, and consists of between 3 and 400 scholars.

There is reason to believe that some good has resulted from

the weekly meetings of the Adult Bible Class. One individual at least, has by this means been brought to a knowledge of "the truth as it is in Jesus," and is now living, we trust, by "faith in the Son of God."

On every Saturday afternoon the children of the congregation are convened for catechetical examination and instruction, and other religious services. About 50 regularly attend; and their deportment seems to warrant the conclusion that they regard this mode of employing their time in the light of a privilege. On these occasions, interesting and useful tracts are presented to all the children, on condition of their either reading them themselves, or offering them to their relatives or acquaintances for the same purpose. And may we not indulge the hope, that He who has promised his "word shall not return to him void," will bless this humble attempt to promote the glory of his name?

Of the 45 persons confirmed by the Bishop, 20 availed themselves of the first opportunity of partaking of the Lord's supper. 21 were already communicants. The remainder, (though seriously disposed, and of exemplary character) have not yet yielded obedience to the command, "Do this in remembrance of me."

On the whole, though there is much, very much, yet to be deplored in the spiritual condition of this church, still, on a review of the events of the past year, its officiating minister desires to be thankful to God for the evidence which he enjoys that he has not laboured altogether in vain.

Report of the Right Rev. William White, D. D. Rector of the united churches of Christ church and St. Peter's, and of St. James's church, Philadelphia.

Christ church and St. Peter's.

Baptisms 67—marriages 61—burials 90—communicants about 225.

In these churches there are divine service and sermons twice on Sundays, and on Good Friday, and once on Christmas day, on the festival of the circumcision, [being New Year's day,] and on the autumnal day of thanksgiving; also divine service on Wednesday and Friday in every week, on every day in passion week, and on various days appointed by the church.

In the two last weeks of Lent, there are lectures on the catechism. In this year the Rector was prevented by indisposition from lecturing, as had been usual with him in Passion-week, and in Easter week, on the ministry, on the service of the church, and on the doctrines of grace. Young persons are

heard in the catechism, from the second Sunday before Easter until Whitsunday; and other young persons of more advanced ages, have been exercised as a Bible class, by one of the assistant ministers.

In each of the churches there is a male and a female Sunday school.

There have been collections for the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania, for the Theological Seminary, for the Sunday schools, and for the Episcopal Fund, in addition to those for the poor.

St. James's church.

In this church, divine service and sermons are similar to what has been stated as practiced in the two united churches. There are belonging to it a male and female Sunday school; and there have been in it collections for all the institutions specified under the preceding head.

Report of the Rev. Christian Wiltberger, jr. deacon, minister of St. Matthew's church, Greensburg, and Christ church, Milton, Northumberland county, missionary in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

St. Matthew's church, Sunbury, Northumberland county.

Communicants, when the present minister commenced his labours, 9, added 4, removed 2, present number 11—baptisms 10—marriage 1—funerals 3—confirmations 2.

A Sunday school has been in operation since September, 1825. 80 names are enrolled, of which the average attendance is about 40, under the care of a director and directress, 2 male, and 6 female teachers. The school is opened with the use of the Sunday school liturgy.

The catechetical instruction of the young has been attended to.

There have been two administrations of the communion, by the Rev. James De Pui.

A Bible class was commenced the beginning of August last, which continues weekly in useful operation, and elicits much interest. It is not confined to Episcopalians, but is open for all who desire to avail themselves of its benefits.

A weekly lecture was established at the commencement of my labours, but it now occurs once a fortnight.

I preach at Sunbury every alternate Sunday morning and evening: preaching is well attended, though the number of Episcopalians is small. These evidence by their responses, that they are attached to the services of the church. At the commencement of my labours here I preached in the German Lutheran church, it having been kindly loaned to Episcopa-

lians: but, on the 1st of November last, for reasons yet unexplained, the doors were closed against us, and we were refused admittance, since which time we have worshipped in the court-house.

It is in agitation to build an Episcopal church in Sunbury, but whether the expectation will be realized is yet uncertain.

Christ church, Milton.

I commenced labouring at this place in November last, and have preached every alternate Sunday afternoon, and sometimes in the evening. The Methodist brethren kindly loaned us the use of their church, as the building belonging to Episcopalians is not fit for use. It is a difficult matter to give any particular information respecting this church; regular services not having been performed for several years, the members have become scattered; and they and their children have attached themselves to other denominations. I have ascertained the names of ten persons who formerly were communicants in the church. 3 of these have become too infirm to attend service, and several of the others do not appear to be decided Episcopalians, or at least have become lukewarm in their attachment to the church; had they a building of their own, in which they could worship, and in which the ordinances of the church could be regularly dispensed, I doubt not, things would bear a different aspect. A few individuals appear to mourn over the desolations of our Zion in that region; and it is truly a heart rending sight to behold the building in which the solemn and spiritual responses of the church were once heard, now become a covering for the cattle, a dwelling place for the bats, a heap of ruins; the altar, at which was once broken the bread of life, and where the children of the church were solemnly dedicated to God in baptism, thrown down. The church is now past repair.

I commenced preaching also at Lewisburgh, in Union county, 4 miles below Milton, in September last, and have preached there once a month, and sometimes twice; on the evening of the day I preached at Milton. Preaching has been well attended, but, until lately, there have been no Episcopalians in the place. The Assistant Bishop preached there in October last.

I have occasionally preached at several other places.

The Rev. Dr. *De Lancey* from the committee on the Western Theological Seminary, presented the following report, which was laid upon the table.

The Committee to whom was referred the unfinished business of the last Convention, in relation to the establishment of a Theological Seminary in the neighbourhood of Pittsburgh,

Respectfully report, That, having examined and deliberated upon the subject, they have arrived at the conclusion expressed in the following resolutions, which they submit to the Convention for its adoption.

1. *Resolved*, That this Convention fully concur in the opinion expressed by the last Convention, in regard to the expediency of establishing a Theological Seminary in the vicinity of Pittsburgh.

2. *Resolved*, That the organization of such a seminary as a Diocesan institution is not at the present time a matter of such urgency as to require immediate legislation, but that it is highly desirable such organization should be effected as soon as the circumstances of the case may warrant the proceeding.

Respectfully submitted.

W. H. DE LANCEY, *Chairman*.
GEORGE BOYD,
JOHN H. HOPKINS,
EDWARD RUTLEDGE.

Philadelphia, May 20, 1830.

On motion, the Convention proceeded to the elections, which resulted as follows.

The following persons were elected the

STANDING COMMITTEE.

CLERGY.	LAITY.
Rev. Dr. Abercrombie	Charles Wheeler
Dr. Montgomery	James S. Smith
Dr. De Lancey	William J. Bell
Dr. Kemper	Horace Binney
Mr. Mead	John C. Lowber

The following persons were elected the deputies to the General Convention.

CLERGY.	LAITY.
Rev. Dr. Montgomery	Mr. William Meredith
Dr. Kemper	Horace Binney
Mr. Clay	Edward J. Stiles
Mr. Hopkins	Hon. David Scott

The following persons were elected the committee on the supply of vacant congregations.

CLERGY.	LAITY.
The Rev. Dr. De Lancey	Mr. Hazlehurst
Mr. Mead	Harding
Mr. Boyd	Ashhurst

Mr. James S. Smith was re-elected treasurer of the Episcopal Fund.

Mr. *William J. Bell* was re-elected treasurer of the Convention.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. *Kemper* it was *Resolved*, That the treasurer of the Convention be authorized to pay the expenses of the Rev. Mr. *Hopkins* as deputy to the late General Convention.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. *Hopkins*, seconded by the Rev. Dr. *Kemper*, it was *Ordered*, That 1000 copies of the sermon delivered by the Rev. Dr. *De Lancey* at the opening of this Convention, be printed for the use of the Convention, and that the assistant secretary attend to the printing and distribution of the same.

The Rev. Mr. *Sheets* offered the following resolution.

Resolved, That, hereafter, no person shall be allowed to have any tickets prepared for the use of the Convention at its elections, unless such person or persons shall have been previously instructed so to do by the Convention itself.

Which resolution was on motion *Ordered* to be laid upon the table.

Adjourned until 4 o'clock, P. M.

*St. Peter's church, May 20, 1830,
4 o'clock, P. M.*

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

The roll was called, and the minutes of the morning were read and approved.

On motion of Mr. *Meredith* the following addition to Canon XVIII. was adopted to read as Sect. 3 of Canon XVIII.

Sec. 3. Deputies to the General Convention may present an account of their expenses in their travel and attendance, to the Standing Committee, who shall make a reasonable allowance for the same, to be paid out of the Convention Fund.

On motion, the Convention took up the report of the Committee in relation to a Theological Seminary in the vicinity of Pittsburgh, when Dr. *De Lancey* moved the adoption of the resolutions attached to the report;

When Mr. *Meredith* moved to postpone the consideration of the resolutions in order to introduce the following as a substitute, viz.

Resolved, 1st. That the expediency of establishing in this Diocese a branch or branches of the General Theological Seminary, one of which to be located in Pittsburgh, be respectfully recommended to the consideration of the trustees of that Seminary.

2. That the trustees representing this diocese, be requested to present this subject to the consideration of the board at its next meeting.

The Convention agreed to postpone, and on motion the substitute was adopted.

On motion it was *Ordered*, That 750 copies of the Journal be printed under the direction of the Secretary.

On motion of Dr. *De Lancey*, it was *Resolved*, That the next annual meeting of the Convention be held in St. James's church, Philadelphia, on the third Tuesday in May, 1831, at 6 o'clock, P. M.

The Convention then united in singing the last four verses of the 122nd Psalm, when, after the benediction, from the Right Rev. President, the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

WILLIAM H. DE LANCEY, *Secretary*.

WM. COOPER MEAD, *Assistant Secretary*.

List of the Clergy of the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

MAY, 1830.

THE Right Rev. *William White*, D. D. Senior Bishop of the American Protestant Episcopal church, presiding in the House of Bishops, Bishop of the Diocese, and Rector of the United churches of Christ church and St. Peter's, and of St. James's, Philadelphia.

The Right Rev. *Henry U. Onderdonk*, D. D. Assistant Bishop of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.

The Rev. *James Abercrombie*, D. D. Senior Assistant Minister of the united churches of Christ church and St. Peter's, Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Thomas G. Allen*, residing in Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Robert Ayres*, residing in Franklin, Venango county.

The Rev. *Frederick Beasley*, D. D. residing in Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Gregory T. Bedell*, Rector of St. Andrew's church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Robert Blackwell*, D. D. residing in Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Samuel Bowman*, Rector of St. James's church, Lancaster.

The Rev. *George Boyd*, Rector of St. John's church, N. L. Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Samuel C. Brincklé*, Rector of St. David's (Radnor) church, Newtown, Delaware county, and St. Peter's church, Great Valley, Chester county.

The Rev. *William Bryant*, residing in Philadelphia, teaching a school, and officiating as domestic missionary in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

The Rev. *Levi Bull*, Rector of St. Mary's church, Chester county, Bangor church, Churchtown, Lancaster county, and St. Thomas's church, Morgantown, Berks county.

The Rev. *Lucius Carter*, missionary, Rector of St. James's church, Muncey, Lycoming county, and Christ church, Madison, Columbia county, in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

The Rev. *William Chaderton*, residing near Bristol, Bucks county.

The Rev. *Correy Chambers*, missionary, officiating at Pottsville, in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

The Rev. *Jehu C. Clay*, Rector of St. James's church, Perkiomen, and St. John's church, Norristown, Montgomery county.

The Rev. *John B. Clemson*, Rector of St. John's church, Pequea, Chester county, and Christ church, Leacock, Lancaster county.

The Rev. *Pierce Connelly*, officiating in the Swedish church at Kingsessing, Philadelphia county.

The Rev. *Joab G. Cooper*, residing in Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Robert Davis*.

The Rev. *William H. De Lancey*, D. D. Provost of the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.

The Rev. *James De Pui*, Rector of Christ church, Danville, and St. Paul's church, Bloomsburgh, Columbia county.

The Rev. *Jacob M. Douglass*, assistant to the Rev. G. T. Bedell, Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Charles M. Dupuy*, residing in Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Francis L. Hawks*, assistant minister of St. James's church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Raymond A. Henderson*, missionary in Florida, in the service of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society.

The Rev. *John A. Hicks*, Rector of Trinity church, Easton, Northampton county; and missionary in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

The Rev. *William Hilton*, Rector of St. Peter's church, Butler, Butler county; and St. Paul's church, Kittanning, Armstrong county; and missionary in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

The Rev. *John H. Hopkins*, Rector of Trinity church, Pittsburgh, Allegheny county.

The Rev. *Joseph Hutchins*, D. D. residing in Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Benjamin Hutchins*, missionary in Florida, in the service of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society.

The Rev. *John W. James*, Rector of Christ church, Meadville, Crawford county, and missionary in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

The Rev. *Joseph Jaquett*, Rector of St. Matthew's church, Francisville, near Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Jackson Kemper*, D. D. an Assistant Minister of the United churches of Christ church and St. Peter's, Philadelphia.

The Rev. *George Kirk*, missionary, officiating in St. John's church, New London Cross Roads, Chester county, in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

The Rev. *Samuel Marks*, Rector of St. Mark's church, New Milford, and other churches in Susquehanna and Bradford counties, and missionary in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

The Rev. *James May*, Rector of St. Stephen's church, Wilkesbarre, Luzerne county.

The Rev. *William Cooper Mead*, Rector of Trinity church, Southwark, Philadelphia.

The Rev. *George Mintzer*, missionary, Rector of St. Gabriel's church, Morlatten, Berks county, in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

The Rev. *James Montgomery*, D. D. Rector of St. Stephen's church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Richard U. Morgan*, Rector of St. Paul's church, Chester, and St. Martin's church, Marcus Hook, Delaware county, and St. Paul's church, West Whiteland township, Chester county.

The Rev. *Henry H. Pfeiffer*, Rector of Trinity church, Connelville, Fayette county, and missionary in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

The Rev. *Robert Piggott*.

The Rev. *Francis Reno*, officiating in Beaver county.

The Rev. *John Reynolds*, Rector of St. Stephen's church, Harrisburgh, Dauphin county.

The Rev. *John Rodney, jr.* Rector of St. Luke's church, Germantown, Philadelphia county, and St. Thomas's church, Whitemarsh, Montgomery county.

The Rev. *Edward Rutledge*, Assistant Professor of Moral Philosophy in the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.

The Rev. *George Sheets*, Rector of Trinity church, Oxford, and All Saints' church, Lower Dublin, Philadelphia county.

The Rev. *Benjamin B. Smith*, Rector of Grace church, Penn township, Philadelphia.

The Rev. *John Taylor*, residing in the city of Pittsburgh, and officiating in Allegheny county.

The Rev. *John V. E. Thorn*, Rector of Christ church, Huntington, Adams county, and St. John the Baptist's church, York, York county.

The Rev. *Stephen H. Tyng*, Rector of St. Paul's church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Peter Van Pelt*, officiating in St. Thomas's (African) church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. *James Wiltbank*, Master of the Grammar School in the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Bird Wilson*, D. D. Professor of Systematic Divinity in the General Theological Seminary.

DEACONS.

The Rev. *John T. Adderly*, deacon.

The Rev. *Frederick Beasley, jr.*, deacon.

The Rev. *Sanson K. Brumot*, deacon, officiating in Christ church, Greensburgh, Westmoreland county, and St. Peter's church, Blairsville, Indiana county.

The Rev. *John Davis*, deacon.

The Rev. *Lyman N. Freeman*, deacon.

The Rev. *Bennet Glover*, deacon, missionary at Waterford and Erie, in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

The Rev. *George E. Hare*, deacon, Rector of St. John's church, Carlisle, Cumberland county.

The Rev. *Matthew H. Henderson*, deacon.

The Rev. *John H. Marsden*, deacon, residing in Gettysburgh, Adams county.

The Rev. *John P. Robinson*, deacon, Rector of St. Mark's church, Lewistown, Mifflin county, and officiating at Thompsonstown and Bellefonte.

The Rev. *Christian Willberger*, deacon, missionary at Sunbury, Northumberland, and Milton, Northumberland county, and at Lewisburgh, Union county, in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

Total 67.

List of the Congregations in the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

ADAMS COUNTY.

Huntingdon township.—Christ church.

ARMSTRONG COUNTY.

Kittanning.—St. Paul's church.

ALLEGHENY COUNTY.

City of Pittsburgh.—Trinity church.

BEAVER COUNTY.

Georgetown.—Georgetown church.

BERKS COUNTY.

Amity township.—St. Gabriel's church.

Reading.—Christ church.

Morgantown.—St. Thomas's church.

BRADFORD COUNTY.

Pike.—St. Matthew's church.

BUCKS COUNTY.

Bristol.—St. James the Greater's church.

BUTLER COUNTY.

Butler.—St. Peter's church.

CENTRE COUNTY.

Philipsburgh.—Trinity church.

CHESTER COUNTY.

New London township.—St. John's church.

East Nantmeal township.—St. Mary's church.

Great Valley.—St. Peter's church.

Pequea township.—St. John's church.

West Whiteland township.—St. Paul's church.

COLUMBIA COUNTY.

Sugarloaf township.—St. Gabriel's church.

Bloomsburg.—St. Paul's church.

Madison.—Christ church.

CRAWFORD COUNTY.

Meadville.—Christ church.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY.

Carlisle.—St. John's church.

DAUPHIN COUNTY.

Harrisburgh.—St. Stephen's church.

DELAWARE COUNTY.

Chester.—St. Paul's church.

Lower Chichester township, Marcus Hook.—St. Martin's church.

Concord township.—St. John's church.

Newton township, Radnor.—St. David's church.

ERIE COUNTY.

Erie.—St. Paul's church.

Waterford.—St. Peter's church.

FAYETTE COUNTY.

Brownsville.—Christ church.

Manalapan.—Grace church.

Connelsville.—Trinity church.

HUNTINGDON COUNTY.

Huntingdon.—St. John's church.

LANCASTER COUNTY.

City of Lancaster.—St. James's church.

Leacock township.—Christ church.

Cuernarvon township, Churchtown.—Bangor church.

Maricitta.—Zion church.

LUZERNE COUNTY.

Wilkesbarre.—St. Stephen's church.

LYCOMING COUNTY.

Muncey Creek township.—St. James's church.

MERCER COUNTY.

Mercer.—St. John's church.

MIFFLIN COUNTY.

Lewistown.—St. Mark's church.

Thompsontown.—St. Stephen's church.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY.

Whitemarsh township.—St. Thomas's church.

Perkiomen township.—St. James's church.

Norristown.—St. John's church.

Pottstown.—Christ church.

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY.

Easton.—Trinity church.

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY.

Milton.—Christ church.

Sunbury.—St. Matthew's church.

PHILADELPHIA COUNTY.

The City of Philadelphia.—The united churches of Christ church and St. Peter's church, St. James's church, St. Paul's church, St. Stephen's church, St. Andrew's church.

Northern Liberties.—St. John's church.

Southwark.—Trinity church.

Francisville.—St. Matthew's church.

Lower Dublin township.—All Saints' church.

Oxford township.—Trinity church.

Germantown.—St. Luke's church.

Blockley township, Mantua.—St. Mark's church.

Penn township.—Grace church.
Hamiltonville.—St. Mary's church.

SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY.

Springville.—St. Jude's church.
New Milford.—St. Mark's church.

VENANGO COUNTY.

Franklin.—St. John's church.
Venango Furnace.—St. James's church.

WASHINGTON COUNTY.

—— St. Peter's church.

WESTMORELAND COUNTY.

Greensburg.—Christ church.
Blairsville.—St. Peter's church.

YORK COUNTY.

York.—St. John the Baptist's church.

Total 71.

There is also in Philadelphia, St. Thomas's (African) church,
 not in union with the Convention.

in account with James S. Smith, Treasurer.

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1829.		
May 23.	By cash, (per Rev. Dr. De Lancey,) being collections in the following churches, viz.	
	St. David's, Newton,.....	\$3 83
	Bangor church, Churchtown,.....	2 37
	Christ church, Reading,.....	11 25
	St. John's church, Carlisle,.....	16 70
	By cash, (per R. Conyngham, Esq.) being amount of collection in St. James's church, Lancaster,.....	27 14
28.	By cash, (per W. J. Bell, Esq.) being collection in St. Stephen's church, Philadelphia,.....	84 68
29.	By cash, (per Mr. Edmund Green,) being collection in Trinity church, Oxford,.....	7 14
July 18.	By cash, (per Mr. E. Green,) being collection in All Saints' church, Lower Dublin,.....	5 13
August 4.	By cash, (being interest on stock, State Loan,) from 1st of February to 1st of August, 1829,.....	315 58
1830.		
Jan. 13.	By cash, (per Rev. Dr. De Lancey,) being contribution by the Female Juvenile Society of St. John's church, Carlisle,.....	4 50
Feb. 3.	By cash, being interest on stock, State Loan, from August 1st, 1829, to February 1st, 1830,.....	315 58
April 26.	By cash, being collection made in St. Peter's church, Philadelphia,.....	36 86
	By cash, being collection made in St. James's church, Philadelphia,.....	63 50
May 5.	By cash, being collection made in Christ church, Philadelphia,	30 06
		\$924 31

JAMES S. SMITH,

Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund.

Philadelphia, May 11, 1830.

*Bought for the Episcopal Fund, by order of James S. Smith, Esq.
Treasurer.*

1829.

June 2, \$144 53, Pennsylvania 5 per ct. R. 1853, at 101 per ct. \$144 97
1830.

May 14, \$136.28,	do.	do.	do.	108	do.	\$147 18
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Transferred to John Read, Thomas Hale and James S. Smith,
in trust, and payment received from James S. Smith, Esq.

HALE & DAVIDSON.

The Episcopal Fund of the Diocese of Pennsylvania is in-
vested wholly in the 5 per cent. Stock of the state of Pennsyl-
vania, and amounts at this time to the sum of twelve thousand
seven hundred and fifty-nine dollars and thirty-six cents.

JOHN READ,	}	<i>Trustees of the Episcopal Fund.</i>
THOMAS HALE,		
JAMES S. SMITH,		

Philadelphia, May 14, 1830.

Report of the Treasurer of the Convention.

In obedience to the duty prescribed me, I hand to the Standing Committee my account closed on the 11th inst., that being "the Tuesday preceding the day appointed for the meeting of the Convention," exhibiting a balance of six dollars fifty-eight cents, which is deposited in the Philadelphia Bank to my credit, as per bank book, settled the 11th inst., also handed herewith. Also two certificates for United States six per cent. stock, in my name, as treasurer, amounting together to two hundred and sixty dollars thirteen cents, being investments as stated in my account.

I beg leave further to present a statement of the amounts due to the Convention for annual contributions by the several churches in the diocese, viz. for arrears until May, 1829, inclusive, the sum of twelve hundred sixty-three dollars and fifty cents; and for dues the present month, the sum of four hundred and fifty-four dollars; making in all, seventeen hundred and seventeen dollars and fifty cents. And I respectfully suggest to the Standing Committee, the propriety of their calling the early attention of the Convention to the subject, for the purpose of procuring the adoption of some measures which shall effect a settlement of the accounts now outstanding, and ensure hereafter more punctual payments.

Although it is understood, that many of the delinquent churches have formerly been in a situation, which did not enable them regularly to make their payments, yet there is much due from other churches, which, it is believed, have been, and are in as good circumstances as many of those which have duly complied with the Resolution of the Convention, and it seems very unreasonable that the expenses should be defrayed in so partial a manner.

WILLIAM J. BELL,

Treasurer of the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church for the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

PHILADELPHIA, May 13, 1830.

Dr.

The Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church

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The above accounts have been examined, and found to be correct.

JOHN C. LOWBER, } Committee.
JAMES MONTGOMERY, }

Philadelphia, May 14, 1830.

1829.			
May 12.	By balance from former account,.....	\$102 58	
22.	By cash received from Trinity church, Easton,...	\$10 00	
	Do. St. Thomas's church, Whitemarsh,.....	5 00	
	Do. St. James's do. Lancaster,.....	15 00	
	Do. Christ do. Meadville,.....	15 00	
	Do. St. David's do. Radnor,.....	5 00	
	Do. All Saints' do. Lower Dublin,.....	5 00	
	Do. Christ do. Reading,.....	5 00	
	Do. St. Thomas's do. Morgantown,.....	5 00	
	Do. Bangor do. Churchtown,.....	5 00	
	Do. St. James's do. Perkiomen,...	10 00	
	Do. St. Gabriel's do. Amity,.....	5 00	
	Do. St. Stephen's do. Harrisburgh,.....	5 00	
	Do. Trinity do. Oxford,.....	5 00	
	Do. St. John's do. Norristown,.....	5 00	
	Do. St. Peter's do. Great Valley,.....	5 00	
	Do. Trinity do. Pittsburgh,.....	5 00	
	Do. St. Stephen's do. Wilkesbarre,.....	5 00	
	Do. St. Mark's do. Mantua,.....	5 00	
	Do. St. Mary's do. East Nantmeal,.....	5 00	
	Do. Christ do. Leacock,.....	5 00	
	Do. St. John's do. Carlisle,.....	5 00	
	Do. St. John's do. Pequea,.....	5 00	
	Do. St. Luke's do. Germantown,...	21 25	
	Do. St. Paul's do. Bloomsburgh,...	5 00	
	Do. Trinity do. Southwark,...	5 00	
		171 25	
June 8.	By cash received from St. James's church, Philadelphia,	20	
	By do. do. St. Stephen's do. Philadelphia,	20	
July 1.	By cash received at U. S. Loan office, a quarter's interest due to day on \$260 6 per cent. stock, and the amount of said stock redeemed,.....	262 90	
Sept. 2.	By cash returned by the Rev. Dr. Kemper, for the "Committee of the General Convention on the Psalms and Hymns," being an advance made, April 15, 1824,....	27 50	
	By cash received for \$100 six per cent. stock, sold by W. J. Bell & Co. for.....	101 75	
Oct. 1.	By cash received at the Bank of the United States, for a quarter's interest due to day on \$195 49 United States 6 per cent stock,.....	2 93	
30.	By cash received from St. Gabriel's church, Sugarloaf township, Columbia county, per Bishop Onderdonk,..	5	
1830.			
Jan. 2.	By cash received at the Bank of the United States, for a quarter's interest on \$195 49 six per cent. stock,....	2 93	
April 1.	By do. do. do.....	2 93	
6.	By cash received from St. Peter's and Christ churches, Philadelphia, \$20 each,.....	40	
7.	By cash received from Christ church, Brownsville,.....	20	
May 10.	By cash received from Wm. J. Bell & Co. for \$19 87 U. S. 6 per cent. at par, and interest,.....	20	
		\$800 77	
May 11.	By balance brought down, cash,.....	\$6 58	
	Stock,.....	\$260 13	

ERRORS EXCEPTED.

WILLIAM J. BELL, *Treasurer*

Philadelphia, May 11, 1830.

CANONS PASSED IN GENERAL CONVENTION IN 1829.

CANON I.

Of those who have officiated as Ministers among other denominations of Christians, and apply for orders in this Church.

SEC. 1. When a person who has been acknowledged as an ordained minister among any other denomination of Christians, shall apply for orders in this church, the Bishop to whom application is made, being satisfied, on examination according to the canons, that he is a man of piety and unexceptionable character; that he holds the doctrines of the church, and that he possesses all the literary and other qualifications required, and being furnished with testimonials from the Standing Committee duly convened, may ordain him as soon as is convenient. And the Standing Committee may receive testimonials of his piety, good morals, and orderly conduct, from twelve members of the denomination from which he came; provided the members of the Committee have such confidence in the persons thus testifying, as to satisfy them of the correctness of the testimony; and also a testimonial to the same effect from at least one clergyman of the Protestant Episcopal Church. In all such cases the Standing Committee may insert in their testimonials the words "we believe him to be sincerely attached to the doctrines and discipline of the Protestant Episcopal Church," instead of the words, "and hath not written, taught, or held, any thing contrary to the doctrine or discipline of the Protestant Episcopal Church."

SEC. 2. When any person, not a citizen of the United States, who has been acknowledged as an ordained minister among any other denomination of Christians, shall apply for orders in this Church, the Bishop to whom application is made, shall require of him, (in addition to the above qualifications,) satisfactory evidence that he has resided at least one year in the United States previous to his application.

The XVIIth canon of 1808, and the IVth and Vth of 1820, are hereby repealed.

CANON II.

Offences for which Ministers shall be tried and punished.

If any minister of this church shall be accused by public rumour, of discontinuing all exercise of the ministerial office without lawful cause, or of living in the habitual disuse of public worship, or of the Holy Eucharist, according to the offices of this church, or of being guilty of scandalous, disorderly, or immoral conduct, or of violating the Canons, or preaching or inculcating heretical doctrine, it shall be the duty of the Bishop, or ecclesiastical authority, to see that an inquiry be instituted, as to the truth of such public rumour. And in case of the individual being proceeded against and convicted, according to such rules or process as may be provided by the Conventions of the respective dioceses, he shall be ad-

monished, suspended, or degraded, as the nature of the case may require.

The XXVIth canon of 1808, is hereby repealed.

CANON III.

To govern in the case of a Minister declaring that he will no longer be a Minister of this Church.

If any minister of this church, against whom there is no ecclesiastical proceeding instituted, shall declare to the Bishop of the diocese to which he belongs, or to any ecclesiastical authority for the trial of clergymen, or where there is no Bishop, to the Standing Committee, his renunciation of the ministry, and his design not to officiate in future in any of the offices thereof, it shall be the duty of the Bishop, or where there is no Bishop, of the Standing Committee, to record the declaration so made. And it shall be the duty of the Bishop to displace him from the ministry, and to pronounce and record, in the presence of two or three clergymen, that the person so declaring has been displaced from the ministry in this Church. In any diocese in which there is no Bishop, the same sentence may be pronounced by the Bishop of any other diocese, invited by the Standing Committee to attend for that purpose. In the case of displacing from the ministry, as above provided for, it shall be the duty of the Bishop to give notice thereof to every Bishop of this Church, and to the Standing Committee in every diocese wherein there is no Bishop. And in the case of a person making the above declaration for causes not affecting his moral standing, the same shall be declared.

The VIIth canon of 1820 is hereby repealed.

CANON IV.

Concerning Ministers removing from one diocese or state to another.

SEC. 1. No minister removing from one diocese to another, or coming from any state or district which may not have acceded to the Constitution of this Church, shall be received as a stated officiating minister by any congregation of this church, until he shall have presented to the vestry thereof a certificate from the Bishop or ecclesiastical authority of the diocese or state to which he is about to remove, that he has produced satisfactory testimonials that he has not been justly liable to evil report, for error in religion, or viciousness of life, during the three years last past; or in case the party has been subjected to proceedings, or to inquiry, in consequence of any charges subjecting him to censure, the fact of acquittal or exoneration from such charges may be stated in lieu of testimonials in the preceding terms, which testimonials or statement shall be signed by the Bishop or Bishops, or where there is no Bishop, by the majority of the clerical members of the Standing Committee or Committees of the diocese or dioceses wherein he has resided; which Committee or Committees

shall, in all cases, be duly convened: or in case he comes from a state or district not in connexion with this Church, and having no Convention, by three clergymen of this Church. Nor shall any minister, so removing, be acknowledged by any Bishop or Convention, as a minister of the Church to which he removes, until he shall have produced the aforesaid testimonial.

SEC. 2. Every minister shall be amenable for any offences committed by him to the ecclesiastical authority of the diocese in which he is canonically resident, at the time of the charge.

The XXXIst canon of 1808 is hereby repealed.

CANON V.

Of Assistant Bishops.

When the Bishop of a diocese is unable, by reason of old age, or other permanent cause of infirmity, to discharge his episcopal duties, one Assistant Bishop may be elected by and for the said diocese, who shall, in all cases, succeed the Bishop, in case of surviving him. The Assistant Bishop shall perform such Episcopal duties, and exercise such Episcopal authority in the diocese, as the Bishop shall assign to him; and in case of the Bishop's inability to assign such duties, declared by the Convention of the Diocese, the Assistant Bishop shall, during such inability, perform all the duties, and exercise all the authorities, which appertain to the office of Bishop. No person shall be elected or consecrated a Suffragan Bishop, nor shall there be more than one Assistant Bishop in a diocese at the same time.

CANON VI.

Respecting churches in which divine service is celebrated in a foreign language.

When a clergyman, coming from a foreign country, and professing to be regularly ordained, shall be called to a church of this communion in which divine service is celebrated in a foreign language, he may, with the approbation of the Bishop of the diocese in which such church is situated, acting with the advice and consent of the Standing Committee, or with the unanimous approbation of the Standing Committee, if there be no Bishop, and on complying with the other requisitions of the canons, settle in the said church, as the minister thereof, without having resided one year in the United States, any thing in the 36th canon of 1808 to the contrary notwithstanding. And when a person, not a citizen of the United States, who has been acknowledged as an ordained minister of any other denomination of Christians, applies for orders in this Church, on the ground of a call to a church in which divine service is celebrated in a foreign language, the Standing Committee of the diocese to which the said church belongs may, on sufficient evidence of fitness according to the Canons, and by an unanimous vote at a meeting duly convened, recommend

him to the Bishop for orders, and the Bishop may then ordain him, and he may be settled and instituted into the said church, without his producing a testimonial to his character by a clergyman, from his personal knowledge of him for one year, and without his having been a year resident in this country, any thing in any other canon of this church to the contrary notwithstanding. *Provided*, That in both of the above cases, the person applying produce a certificate, signed by at least four respectable members of this Church, that they have satisfactory reason to believe the testimonials to his religious, moral, and literary qualifications to be entitled to full credit.

CANON VII.

In addition to Canon XXXIII. of 1808.

Where parish boundaries are not defined by law, or otherwise, each city, borough, village, town, or township, in which there is one Protestant Episcopal Church or congregation, or more than one such Church or congregation, shall be held, for all the purposes of the 33d canon of 1808, to be the parish or parishes of the Protestant Episcopal clergyman or clergymen having charge of said church or churches, congregation or congregations.

Done in General Convention, in the city of Philadelphia, August, 1829.

By order of the House of Bishops.

WILLIAM WHITE, D. D. Presiding Bishop.

Attested, BIRD WILSON, D. D. Secretary.

By order of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies.

WILLIAM E. WYATT, D. D. President.

Attested, BENJAMIN T. ONDERDONK, D. D. Secretary.



Abstract of Bishop White's Address, 1830.

The Right Rev. Bishop *White* reports, that he has *consecrated* 1 bishop, and *ordained* 3 deacons; *consecrated* 2 churches, *confirmed* 118 persons, *granted letters dimissory* to 7 priests, *admitted* into the diocese on letters dimissory 3 priests and 1 deacon, *attended a meeting* of the General Theological Seminary in New York, and of the General Convention in Philadelphia. He reports the *continuance of the exertions* of the General Protestant Episcopal Sunday School Union, of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania, of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, of the Female Tract Society, and of the Bible Society of Philadelphia, which has during the year fulfilled its pledge to supply every destitute family in Pennsylvania with a Bible in 2 years, and also contributed \$1000 to the funds of the American Bible Society.

He reports the *fund* for the support of the widows and children of deceased clergymen, which was reported last year, as

amounting to \$42,595 33 cents, as *steadily increasing*; and having *only* 5 annual contributors, and 1 family as annuitants, and that the Episcopal Fund increases very slowly.

Abstract of Bishop Onderdonk's Address, 1830.

The Right Rev. Bishop *Onderdonk* reports, that his *visitations* in the diocese of Pennsylvania have extended to the north-eastern, north-western, and some of the central and other parishes. That he has *preached* 125 times, has *visited part* of the diocese of *Delaware*, that he has *ordained* 11 priests and 7 deacons at the 12 ordinations which he has held; that he has *consecrated* 3 churches, *confirmed* 277 persons, baptized 17 children, and administered the Lord's supper 13 times, besides at the ordinations: that there are 12 missionaries employed in the diocese, under the ecclesiastical authority; that 4 churches are being erected, and one is ready for consecration.

Abstract of the Parochial Reports.

Reports have been received from 31 clergymen, respecting 48 churches.

Some of the reports do not state the number of Sunday school teachers and scholars: others do not distinguish between the infant and adult baptisms.

Very few mention the sums of money collected for the institutions of the Church.

From several clergymen no reports have been received.

The following are the aggregates of the various items generally named in the reports.

BAPTISMS.					
Adults,	-	-	-	-	84
Infants,	-	-	-	-	585
Total,	-	-	-	-	669
COMMUNICANTS.					
Added,	-	-	-	-	218
Removed, or died,	-	-	-	-	46
Present number,	-	-	-	-	2438
Confirmed,	-	-	-	-	210
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	255
Deaths,	-	-	-	-	378
Sunday school teachers,	-	-	-	-	313
Scholars,	-	-	-	-	4885



NOTICE.

The next annual Convention of the Church in this diocese, will be held in St. James's church, Philadelphia, on the third Tuesday of May, 1831, at 6 o'clock, P. M.

WILLIAM H. DE LANCEY, *Secretary.*